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Men wait to meet with the governor of Herat province in western Afghanistan. Provincial leaders and local residents say they favor keeping international military forces in their country past 2014.

## 'We need those soldiers'

In Iran's shadow, Afghanistan's Herat province favors US presence

By JOSH SMITH  
Stars and Stripes

HERAT, Afghanistan — Mohammed gave a short of derision.

"What kind of question is that? Everyone wants them to stay," he said of the international troops who have been deployed to Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that toppled the Taliban regime.

The 49-year-old shopkeeper, who, like many Afghans, goes by one name, said only warlords and others who would profit from

a disintegrating Afghanistan want foreign troops to depart entirely.

"The people who care about this country, first they appreciate God, and second, they appreciate foreign troops," he said. "They protect us."

It's unclear how many Afghans share Mohammed's sentiment. Many of those who do seem most concerned that, without foreign forces, Afghanistan's internal security will worsen and encourage interference by neighboring countries.

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Afghan shopkeeper

## 2 decades, 4 branches, 1 servicemember

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

When Jesus Yanez joined the Marine Corps in 1993, military service became a way of life.

Over the years, the El Paso, Texas, native went from one job to the next, one command to another.

He requested downrange deployments and continued his years of service. More than 20 years later, the 39-year-old has a rather unusual military resume.

Deployed to Afghanistan from the Texas Air National Guard's 204th Security Forces Squadron, Yanez has served in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

The Defense Department

doesn't closely track how many troops have served in all four main branches, but it's a pretty exclusive club.

In the past 10 years, more than 2 million U.S. troops have been deployed overseas. Of those, only 40,385 have served in more than one branch, according to Defense Department records.

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Jesus Yanez

Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

# QUOTE

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**"If we don't find them and they don't land, their chances of survival decrease every day they are out there."**

— Capt. Mark Fedor, U.S. Coast Guard officer commenting on the perilous journey by Cubans trying to travel by raft to the U. S.

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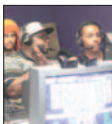
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# MILITARY

## Branches: Well-rounded military man sees the best in each service

FROM FRONT PAGE

"I didn't do it intentionally," Yanez said, laughing when reached by phone last month from Bagram Air Field, where he has been deployed since June. "It just happened."

Yanez — now serving with the 455th Expeditionary Base Defense Squadron — said he hadn't really thought about it until a friend pointed it out to him.

Yanez, the middle child of five raised by a single mother, grew up fast and was a worker, delivering newspapers, selling greeting cards and working at a local pizzeria. When he was a junior in high school he sought out the local Marine recruiter and signed up through the delayed entry program.

"I went looking for [the recruiter] before he could come looking for me," Yanez said. "Everyone thought I was crazy, joining the Marines as a junior in high school."

Yanez was "in the rear with the gear" in logistics and as a warehouseman. He loved being a Marine. But then he got married, and after a few years, he decided to get out, separating in 1997.

Soon after, he was divorced and said he got the itch to serve again.

"I guess that's what I missed a lot, the military way," he said.

In 1999, he joined the Navy Reserve as a master at arms. But the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks prompted him to switch gears. He sought and received a conditional letter of release from the Navy so he could join the Army Reserve.

"I really wanted to deploy," he said. "I wanted to do my part."

In the Army Reserves, Yanez served as a heavy wheel mechanic at Fort Bliss, Texas.

But he didn't get to deploy, which led him to ask for another conditional release — this time to join the Air Force's 204th Security



EVELYN CHAVEZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Staff Sgt. Jesus Yanez, left, of the 455th Expeditionary Base Defense Squadron walks a perimeter patrol at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, on July 2. Yanez joined the Air Force to get the opportunity to serve in a combat zone.**

**"Not a day goes by where I regret what I do. If you want to do something for your country, you do it right."**

**Staff Sgt. Jesus Yanez**  
former Marine, Army reservist, Navy reservist and now airman



Corps: "Once a Marine, always a Marine."

For every bead of sweat shed in service of the country he loves, Yanez said he has been paid back in full. He is the only member of his family with a college degree. He received his master's degree while serving. He has also earned the admiration of his children.

"My son and daughter think of me as their hero," he said. "They're always bragging about me."

Yanez has 11 years in the active-duty military and 10 as a reservist. He plans to retire when he hits 30 years of service.

He has no second thoughts about dedicating his life to the military.

"Not a day goes by where I regret what I do," he said. "If you want to do something for your country, you do it right."

At 39, Yanez said he has no plans of joining the Coast Guard, even though he has looked into it.

"I'd have to go to their boot camp," he said, with a laugh. "I've looked into it. ... I think I'll just stay with the Air Force and retire."

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ty Forces Squadron, which Yanez described as an Air Force "light infantry unit."

The full-time job, which he took in 2006, keeps him in El Paso, where he is raising his two children.

"As a single father, this was a better option, because it avoided moving my kids to another place," he said previously in an Air Force statement.

It also allowed him to finally get downrange, first to Iraq in 2010, where he guarded Baghdad International Airport with a .50-caliber machine gun, and now to Afghanistan, where he checks vehicles and locals for contraband and vehicle-borne explosives.

His experience has made him

an asset to his unit and garnered the attention of his superiors.

"He brings a ton of experience to the fight," 455th Expeditionary Base Defense Squadron chief enlisted manager, Chief Master Sgt. Eric Soluri, said in the Air Force statement. "Younger airmen and NCOs look up to him, and he is the 'go-to guy' in his sector."

From the Marine Corps to the Navy, the Army to the Air Force, Yanez has noted more similarities in the branches than differences — in the camaraderie, teamwork and in the responsibility to take care of one another. Yet each branch has taught him lessons that he tries to instill in junior airmen. For one, he said, he got his discipline from the Marine

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Army 1st Lt. Emily Núñez, left, and sister Betsy Núñez are the founders of Sword & Plough, which creates bags and other accessories out of repurposed military surplus like tents, laundry bags and sleeping bag covers, in Denver, Colo.

# Repurposed for a purpose

Soldier puts vets to work creating stylish accessories from military surplus

By ANGEL CANALES  
ABC News

DENVER — Serving in the military while being the CEO of a fashion company can be intimidating, but it's a perfect match for U.S. Army 1st Lt. Emily Núñez. She saw a need and filled it, helping veterans along the way.

Núñez, 24, is the CEO and co-founder of Sword & Plough, which creates bags and other accessories out of repurposed military surplus, like tents, laundry bags and sleeping bag covers.



"As an officer in the U.S. Army, my job is to lead soldiers and to motivate them to accomplish a task. As the CEO, my job is to ensure that we're accomplishing our social mission while keeping the team excited about what we're doing," she said.

Although Emily was committed to a career in the military, she and her sister Betsy Núñez, 26, founded Sword & Plough in 2012.

Growing up in a military family, Emily followed in her father's footsteps and joined the Army. She currently serves as an Intelligence Officer with the Group Support Battalion in the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Carson, Colo. Before joining the military, Emily enrolled in the Army ROTC at the University of Vermont and Middlebury College in Vermont in 2008.

The idea to create her fashion company came to her after a talk at the Middlebury's



Navy veteran Chad Romero constructs dopp kits for the Sword & Plough accessories line.

Center for Social Entrepreneurship about businesses that had incorporated recycling into their plan. She began to think about what around her was routinely wasted and could be recycled and turned into something powerful.

"I was aware that there was a lot of military surplus that was wasted, thrown away or burned," she said.

Emily told her sister about her idea to turn a military shelter halves tent into tote bags.

"I knew this was something that could be very special and could become something really unique," Betsy says. The sisters began to build on the idea for their business model.

Sword & Plough's name comes from the biblical phrase to "turn swords into ploughshares" from the Book of Isaiah. For the women, it means readapting military technology for a peaceful civilian purpose.

"Some of the materials we use have been used by the Army and military since the Civil War," Betsy says.

Last year, Sword & Plough participated in

Mass Challenge, the largest international startup accelerator and competition. More than 1,000 young companies applied for 120 spots. Sword & Plough was selected, and the women were awarded \$50,000 to grow their business.

"I really wanted to create a product that would physically touch civilians in a beautiful way and to remind them of veterans and the sacrifice that they made but also the challenges that they encounter as they transition into civilian life," Emily said.

For Emily, veteran employment was the company's main goal. During her time at the Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. she heard about veterans having difficulties finding meaningful employment.

"I spent a lot of time with soldiers of all different ranks and services and many of them told me about friends of their who were getting out of the military and faced challenges as they tried to find employment," she said. "That experience always stuck with me," she said.

## Retrial set for Marine convicted in Iraq killing

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — The retrial for a Marine who served six years for the 2006 killing of an Iraqi civilian has been set for Jan. 26.

Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins III was convicted of unpremeditated murder and sentenced to 11 years in military prison in 2007, but his conviction was twice overturned by military appeals courts because he was held in solitary confinement for a week and denied access to a lawyer when he was originally questioned.

Six other enlisted Marines and one Navy corpsman were convicted in the same incident: the killing of an unarmed retired Iraqi policeman in Hamdaniyah. Hutchins, the squad leader, received the longest sentence. None of the other men served more than 18 months.

The Marine Corps in January announced that it would retry Hutchins for the crime, and after an arraignment, his trial was scheduled for this month. But at a motions hearing Friday, the judge said Hutchins' new civilian lawyer had asked for the trial to be delayed. The retrial is now set to begin Jan. 26.

During the hearing here, the civilian lawyer, Chris Oprison, asked the judge to consider a motion for a new Army judge to hear, in part because Hutchins has already been acquitted of some of the original charges.

Navy Capt. Andrew Henderson has not yet issued a ruling on that motion.

Oprison also is seeking emails and correspondence he believes may show unlawful command influence, based on comments Navy Secretary Ray Mabus made about Hutchins in 2009, and on a rule of law brief that mentioned Hutchins' case.

He also argued that an unprecedented search of defense counsel offices here in May could have compromised Hutchins' case, and that the search called into question the ability of defendants such as Hutchins to trust the sanctity of attorney-client privilege.

Investigators involved in the search testified that they did not find any files during the search.

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## 5 aid workers abducted in western Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — The International Committee of the Red Cross in Afghanistan is trying to secure the release of five of their staff members who were abducted in the western Herat province, a spokesman said Saturday.

The employees were traveling by road on Friday when they were detained by a local armed group, said Marek Resich, an ICRC spokesman.

From The Associated Press



## MIDEAST

## Troops: Afghans tell of concerns about Iran interference, Taliban resurgence

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Many in Afghanistan fear the Taliban insurgency will gain strength and further destabilize the country once foreign troops leave. But residents of Herat have a unique vantage point because of their proximity to Iran, which has been accused of giving support to both the Taliban and the national government in pursuit of its own interests.

Tehran is a vocal opponent of any long-term presence of international troops in Afghanistan, accusing the NATO-led coalition of only exacerbating the conflict — the Taliban say they are fighting to remove foreign troops they describe as occupiers. But residents approached recently in Herat fear the contrary — that the Taliban will gain strength without international troops to back Afghan security forces.

Mohammed, standing in his convenience store, the shade only marginally cooler than the blistering summer heat outside, underscored that concern. Gesturing toward people passing by on the street, he said: "That man there? [The Taliban] will make him grow a beard again. As soon as foreign troops are gone, this country will be done."

As the United States and the rest of the coalition prepare to withdraw the majority of their combat troops by the end of the year, opinions among Afghans regarding foreign troops remain complicated, often based on a personal calculation to determine the lesser of many evils.

For the Afghans who support a prolonged international military mission, their views seem to be based on a combination of fear that internal security could deteriorate and concerns about interference by neighboring countries. In Herat, on Afghanistan's western border, that means Iran.

"International troops" should not leave while we are in this situation, when we have foreign enemies," said farmer Abdul Razaq, 55. "All Afghans understand it is better to keep the U.S. here. The majority, 98 percent of my friends, agree that the U.S. should stay here for a long time."

In many ways, Herat's long history as a center of trade has made it more accustomed to foreigners than some of the more remote areas in Afghanistan. The area also has been spared the major fighting seen in the eastern and southern areas of the country, although the Taliban have staged attacks on high-profile targets in the city, including the American consulate.

Estimated to be Afghanistan's third-largest city, Herat is situated less than a two-hour drive — about 60 miles — from the border with Iran.

In the cities and towns of Afghanistan's western deserts, neighboring Iran has played a "soft-power" game, pumping more than half a billion dollars into aid projects.

But Tehran's overtures and lobbying on security issues have been largely overshadowed by what some see as heavy-handed



JOHN SMITH/Stars and Stripes

**Men leave the Jama Masjid, a mosque in downtown Herat, in July after Ramadan prayers. Residents of this city in western Afghanistan say they favor keeping international troops in their country as a bulwark against both internal insurgents and neighboring countries.**

treatment by Iran, said Mohammed Younas Fakor, a political analyst based in Kabul.

"The distrust is mainly because of Iran's behavior toward Afghanistan," he said. "The people of Herat witness everything from very close: How Iran forcefully deport Afghan refugees, kills them on the border, or they hang them without letting their families know."

Although one would expect strong Iranian influence in Herat due to its proximity to the border, in reality there is not, Fakor said. "The people of Herat do not follow Iran's agendas."

Despite, or in some cases because of, living in Iran's shadow, few Afghans in the region approached recently agree with Tehran's opposition to the Bilateral Security Agreement that would lay out terms American and international forces insist on if they are to stay for at least several more years.

"If international troops stay here, our neighbors won't bother Afghanistan," said Mohammed Sabel, 24, a student in Herat. "We need those soldiers to partner with the Afghan forces here."

Current Afghan President Hamid Karzai has refused to sign the BSA, saying it will be up to his successor. Both leading presidential candidates have said they would sign the deal, but a dispute over the election results has indefinitely delayed the inauguration of a new president.

Authorities in Iran have been among the few international leaders to publicly oppose even the



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**Herat provincial governor Sayed Fazlullah Wahidi says he favors keeping international troops in Afghanistan because of lingering weaknesses in the Afghan security forces, but he wants to see the language of a final agreement between the U.S. and Kabul before publicly endorsing the deal.**

limited American troop presence that has been proposed for after the end of 2014 — about 10,000 next year and drawing down to an embassy-based role in 2016.

"Politically, Iran seeks to maintain positive relations within the highest levels of [the Afghan government] while attempting to steer Afghanistan away from an enduring BSA with the United States," the Defense Department said in its latest yearly report on Afghanistan, released in November. "In addition to maintaining a diplomatic presence in Afghanistan, Tehran often uses high-level visits and key leadership engage-

ments to criticize the presence of international forces in Afghanistan and to call for the withdrawal of ISAF publicly."

In February, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Morteza Sarmadi told a conference in Tehran that counterterrorism was just a pretext for "American warmongers" to attack Afghanistan.

"Now extremism has turned into a major problem and the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan has not only failed in uprooting terrorism but also spread it to the neighboring states," Sarmadi said.

American officials accuse Iran of going so far as to funnel aid to the Taliban in an effort to oppose the Western presence in Afghanistan.

"Tehran's relationship with the insurgency, though not ideologically based, is consistent with Iran's short- to mid-term goal of undermining coalition efforts and opposing the international military presence in Afghanistan," last year's DOD report concluded.

Future involvement by Iran and

other countries will always be an area of concern, said Herat's provincial governor, Sayed Fazlullah Wahidi.

"The problems in Afghanistan are always from neighboring countries," he told Stars and Stripes in an interview at his posh palace in Herat. "I think we must always be careful of our neighbors' interference. Everyone tries to have a role in our poor country."

He said he favors keeping international troops in Afghanistan to support the local security forces, but is waiting to see the language of the final agreement.

"We have shortages of military and police," Wahidi said. "Our cities are protected by the police, but our police is very weak so we need some support, especially some air support. But first I want to see the final agreement. If we sign the agreement and they protect Afghanistan, then that is good."

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## MIDEAST

# Cafe on front line in war over Afghan culture

By PAMELA CONSTABLE  
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — In one curtained room, half a dozen young men and women huddle on cushions, smoking hookahs and chatting. In the next, a troubadour strums a guitar and sings protest songs for a party of high school soccer players. In a cubicle in between, customers take turns kneeling to say their prayers.

Welcome to Kabul's Art Cafe and Restaurant, the latest front line in a seersawing urban culture war between a post-Taliban, Internet-savvy generation that wants to push the limits of democratic freedom and a deeply conservative Muslim establishment that is determined to preserve its traditions — especially segregation of the sexes.

The cafe is one of a cluster of hip hangouts that have opened in a busy commercial section of western Kabul in the past year, attracting a mix of students, artists, journalists and other young sophisticates. Police have kept a watchful eye on alcohol and other infractions, but until last week, there had been no serious confrontations.

Then, at 4 p.m. last Saturday, a squad of police burst into the cafe with guns drawn and started grabbing and shoving people. According to the co-owner and several witnesses, they shouted sexual insults at some of the women and hustled off some of the men to police headquarters, where their long hair was cut off — a punishment once meted out by the Taliban religious police.

"We asked them why they were doing this, and they said they had orders to round up the rabble around the city," said Hassan Fazili, a partner in the cafe. "I'm an artist and a filmmaker, and we have an open atmosphere here, but we are doing nothing wrong. We do not allow alcohol or weapons. We are all Muslims. And we are definitely not rabble."

Duniya Sadeqi, 29, an actress, said she had gone to the cafe that Saturday to meet a friend who was making a documentary. During the raid, she said, the police punched and cursed her. "They said, 'You are a whore, or you would not be in such places,'" she recounted Wednesday, dressed in a pink head scarf and a long, black dress. "I was very scared."

But if the city police were trying to enforce an obsolescent moral code, their superiors at the Interior Ministry were apparently embarrassed by the incident. After complaints from civic groups, Afghan news outlets reported that some of the officers

involved were arrested, and on Wednesday a delegation of ministry officials visited the cafe to work things out.

"It was all a misunderstanding," said one official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, as he left the premises surrounded by half a dozen police guards. Repeated efforts to reach officials and spokesmen for the Kabul police were unsuccessful.

The misunderstanding, though, runs much deeper than ham-handed police vigilantism. The collapse of the Taliban in 2001 and the advent of Western ideas, aid and technology have opened an isolated Islamic society to the modern world. The impact has been especially pronounced in the capital and other large cities, with colleges and jobs for those who learn English and computer skills.

But there has been inevitable, often between parents and grown children who seek to marry for love, try to date or simply want to spend time in a mixed-gender environment — all of which are strictly prohibited by Afghan social and religious codes. Muslim clerics often warn of the dangers of Western influence on the young.

"We are extremely concerned about the spread and infiltration of foreign culture in our society," said Enayatullah Balegh, a member of the national council of Muslim clergy. "There is a big distinction between Islamic culture and others in the way we dress and interact with each other. Islam favors modern development and science, but not immoral and corrupt behavior."

In rural areas, families and tribal elders have continued to keep a tight rein on the behavior of the young, especially in conservative southern regions. In several recent high-profile cases, strong local support for honor killings and other punishments against girls who elope or are raped suggests that rigid traditional mores are reasserting themselves as Western troops, civilians and influence start to withdraw.

But in large northern cities like Kabul, Herat and Mazar-e-Sharif, many young people have found sanctuaries like the Art Cafe, where they can talk, flirt and express themselves freely about politics and social change as well as love.

On Wednesday, Naser Royan, 27, held a young audience spellbound as he sang a series of original folk songs to an urgent guitar rhythm. One ballad beckoned listeners to visit the "reality" of Afghan life occurring under city bridges where opium addicts



PAMELA CONSTABLE/The Washington Post

Young men and women gather around a hookah pipe Wednesday at the Art Cafe and Restaurant in Kabul, Afghanistan. The cafe is a popular gathering place for students and other young people but represents a challenge to Afghanistan's conservative Muslim culture, in which men and women do not mix.

gather. Another was about a girl in Italy who was killed protesting against injustice.

In the hookah room next door, young men and women sat close and laughed with a carefree intimacy that would have shocked many older Afghans. Yet they all described themselves as observant Muslims, and most of them periodically left the room to pray.

"We come here because there is a new level of freedom. We all want change, but only within the Islamic framework," said a 21-year-old law school student who gave her name as Attiyah and who was texting on her iPhone between puffs on a tall, glass pipe.

But there is another dimension to this trend that highlights the differences between ethnic and religious groups in Afghanistan. In Kabul, places like the Art Cafe are confined mostly to the city's western district, a redoubt of its Shiite Muslim and ethnic Hazara minority; both Herat and Mazar-e-Sharif have large Shiite populations.

The Hazaras, often regarded as inferior by other Afghans, tend to be more liberal and worldly than the Sunni-majority Tajiks and Pashtuns, in part because many were exiled and educated in Iran during Afghanistan's years of conflict. Some of the cafe custom-

ers said they were born in Iran and came back with their families after the fall of the Taliban; many attend Shiite colleges in the city.

During a decade of Western-backed democracy, this group has been able to flex increasing political and cultural muscle, but activists worry that these gains could be lost as the protective international presence here diminishes.

"Some authorities think if democracy grows, society will escape the bound of our religion," said Salman Dostzada, a political activist who protested against the cafe raid. "Our society has begun to liberalize in these years, but the cost is already too high."



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## CRISIS IN IRAQ

# EU nations clear way to arm Kurds

By JONATHAN STEARNS and REBECCA CHRISTIE  
Bloomberg News

BRUSSELS — European Union governments on Friday cleared the way for arming Kurdish forces to help them take on Islamic State militants in Iraq and said they'll look for ways to block oil sales by the insurgents.

With France already sending weapons to the Kurdish militia, or peshmerga, in northern Iraq, the 28 EU foreign ministers at an emergency meeting bridged reservations in countries including Germany by agreeing to let governments deliver hardware according to their "capabilities and national laws."

"The aim must be to halt the murderous actions and the military advance of ISIS," as Islamic State is also known, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told reporters after the meeting in Brussels. Ministers backed the idea "that individual countries will respond positively to requests for support by security forces in the Kurdistan region," he said.

EU governments' resolve to step up their joint response may open the door to a broader counter-offensive against Islamic State. The regional threat posed by the extremists has led thousands of minority Yazidis and Christians to flee their advance, prompting U.S. airstrikes and other military action to aid the refugees. The world has been shocked by the brutality and speed of the group's advance, Steinmeier said.

"It's time to do more," Lithuanian Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius told reporters before the talks. "We have to support those who are threatened, especially the Kurds in the north. Some military assistance also should be discussed."

Seeking to dry up funding for the insurgents and citing "our common fight against terrorism," the ministers also agreed to "assess how to prevent ISIL benefiting from oil sales," according to a joint EU statement after the meeting.

EU members in eastern Europe are best-placed to supply weapons because Kurdish forces are used to using Soviet-era hardware, "in particular in terms of ammunition to complement munition stocks there," Steinmeier said. Even so, there's "no clear analysis" among EU governments of what kind of equipment is needed, he said.

Iraq's political and humanitarian crisis is surging into the agenda as Europe struggles to maintain pressure on President Vladimir Putin to end the armed conflict in Ukraine that's caused the worst standoff with Russia since the Cold War.

Ministers also discussed the outlook for humanitarian aid in eastern Ukraine, where government forces have shelled the eastern city of Donetsk to flush out Russian-backed separatists and a Russian aid convoy has stoked mutual mistrust. The fragile cease-fire in the Gaza Strip, escalating violence in Libya and the ebola outbreak also were on the agenda.

"This is a crisis meeting in a crisis summer," said Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt. "We have a volatile international environment, to put it mildly, even a dangerous international environment, which puts great demands on the European Union."

EU unity on arms aid for Iraq may come more easily after authorities in Baghdad endorsed direct deliveries to Kurds. In addition to France, the U.K. has said it's helping supply Kurdish forces with military aid, while Germany and Italy have said they will consider joining them.

The situation in Iraq risks echoing that in Syria, where the international community's reaction was "late and timid," Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo said as he arrived for the meeting. "To avoid this, the delivery of weapons to the Iraqi government has already been cleared and at the moment we are aiming to deliver weapons to the authorities of Kurdistan."



Humanitarian aid is unloaded from a German air force plane at the airport in Irbil, northern Iraq, on Saturday. Five German planes arrived with 36 tons of humanitarian aid to help civilians uprooted by fighting in the north of the country.

ALEX HEIMKEN/AP

# Yazidi 'massacre' reported; militants near dam attacked

By DIAA HADID  
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The Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — Islamic extremists in Iraq killed 80 Yazidi men and abducted their wives and children, officials and eyewitnesses said Saturday, insisting the religious community is still at risk after a week of U.S. and Iraqi airstrikes on the militants.

Airstrikes meanwhile targeted insurgents around Iraq's largest dam, which was captured by the Islamic State extremist group earlier this month, according to nearby residents. It was not immediately clear who carried out the strikes.

The U.S. began launching airstrikes against the Islamic State extremist group a week ago, in part to prevent the massacre of tens of thousands of Yazidis stranded on a northern mountain-top. After most were able to escape with the help of Kurdish fighters, President Barack Obama took credit for alleviating the threat of genocide.

But on Friday afternoon Islamic State fighters who had surrounded the nearby village of Kocho 12 days ago, demanding its Yazidi residents convert or die, moved in.

The militants took the men away in groups of a few dozen and shot them dead with assault rifles on the edge of the village, according to a wounded man who escaped by feigning death.

The fighters then walked among the bodies, finishing off any who appeared to still be alive with their pistols, the 42-year-old man told the Associated Press by phone from an area where he was hiding out. He spoke on condition of

**'They thought we were dead, and when they went away, we ran away.'**

Yazidi refugee

anonymity, fearing for his safety.

"They thought we were dead, and when they went away, we ran away. We hid in a valley until sundown, and then we fled to the mountains," he said.

A Yazidi lawmaker, a Kurdish security official and an Iraqi official from the nearby city of Sinjar gave similar accounts, saying Islamic State fighters had massacred scores of Yazidi men Friday afternoon after seizing Kocho.

All said they based their information on the accounts of survivors and warned that the minority group remains in danger despite the U.S. intervention. Their accounts matched those of two other Yazidi men, Qasim Hussein and Nayeef Jassen, who said they spoke to other survivors.

The Yazidis are a centuries-old religious minority viewed as apostates by the extremist Islamic State group, which has claimed mass killings of its opponents in Syria and Iraq, often posting grisly photos on the Internet.

Yazidi lawmaker Mahma Khalil said the Yazidis in Kocho were given the choice to convert or die. "When the residents refused to do this, the massacre took place," he said.

Halgurd Hekmat, a spokesman for Kurdish security forces, said the militants took the women and children of

Kocho to the nearby city of Tal Afar, which is controlled by the Islamic State group.

Elsewhere in northern Iraq, residents living near the Mosul Dam told The Associated Press that the area was being targeted by airstrikes, but it was not immediately clear whether the attacks were being carried out by Iraq's air force or the United States.

A Pentagon spokeswoman said the Defense Department, for the safety and security of American personnel, would not discuss reports of ongoing or future operations. Iraqi military spokesmen could not immediately be reached for comment.

The extremist group seized the dam on the Tigris River on Aug. 7. Residents near the dam say the airstrikes killed militants, but that could not immediately be confirmed. The residents spoke on condition of anonymity out of fears for their safety.

Tens of thousands of Yazidis fled when the Islamic State group earlier this month captured the northern Iraqi town of Sinjar, near the Syrian border.

The plight of the Yazidis, tens of thousands of whom were stranded on a desert mountaintop for days, encircled by the Islamic extremists, prompted U.S. and Iraqi forces to launch aid drops. It also contributed to the U.S. decision to launch airstrikes against the militants, who were advancing on the Kurdish regional capital Irbil.

Most of those Yazidis were eventually able to escape to Iraq's largely autonomous Kurdish region with the help of Kurdish fighters, and on Thursday Obama said Americans should be proud of the U.S. efforts to save them.



## NATION

# Police, protesters clash again in Ferguson

By JIM SALTER

The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Anger spurred by the death of a black teenager at the hands of a white police officer boiled over again when protesters stormed into a Missouri convenience store — the same store that Michael Brown was accused of robbing.

Police and about 200 protesters clashed in Ferguson late Friday after another tense day in the St. Louis suburb, a day that included authorities identifying the officer who fatally shot Brown on Aug. 9. At the same news conference in which officer Darren Wilson was named, Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson released documents alleging that Brown stole a \$48.99 box of cigars from the convenience store, then strong-armed a man on his way out.

Just before midnight, some in what had been a large and rowdy,

but mostly well-behaved, crowd broke into that same small store and began looting it, said Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Ron Johnson.

Some in the crowd began throwing rocks and other objects at police, Johnson said. One officer was hurt, but details on the injury were not immediately available.

Johnson said police backed off to try to ease the tension. He believes looting may have spread to a couple of nearby stores. No arrests were made.

"We had to evaluate the security of the officers there and also the rioters," Johnson said. "We just felt it was better to move back."

Meanwhile, peaceful protesters yelled at the aggressors to stop what they were doing. About a dozen people eventually blocked off the front of the convenience store to help protect it.

Brown's death previously had



ROBERT COHEN, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

Ishiah King hy, 3, wears his shirt as a mask as he participates in demonstrations with family in Ferguson, Mo., on Friday.

ignited four days of clashes with furious protesters. Tensions eased Thursday after Gov. Jay Nixon turned oversight of the protests over to the Missouri Highway

Patrol. Gone were the police in riot gear and armored vehicles, replaced by the new patrol commander who personally walked through the streets with demonstrators. But Friday night marked a resurgence of the unrest that momentarily had abated.

Nixon on Thursday appointed Johnson to take over security after concerns were raised about how local police had used tear gas and rubber bullets on protesters earlier in the week. Johnson said one tear gas canister was deployed Friday night after the group of rioters became unruly.

Jackson's decision to spell out the allegations that Brown committed the robbery, and his releasing of surveillance video, angered attorneys for Brown's family and many in the community, including U.S. Rep. William Lacy Clay. Earlier Friday night,

the Democratic congressman took a bullhorn and told protesters, "They have attempted to taint the investigation. They are trying to influence a jury pool by the stunt they pulled today."

Family attorney Daryl Parks acknowledged that the man shown in the surveillance footage "appears to be" Brown. But he and others said Brown's family was blindsided by the allegations and release of the footage. They said that even if it was Brown, the crime didn't justify the shooting of a teen after he put up his hands in surrender to the officer, as witnesses allege.

Another family attorney, Benjamin Crump, said police "are choosing to disseminate information that is very strategic to try to help them justify the execution-style" killing, said Crump, who also represented the family of Trayvon Martin, the teenager fatally shot by a Florida neighborhood watch organizer who was later acquitted of murder.

The surveillance video appears to show a man wearing a ball cap, shorts and white T-shirt grabbing a much shorter man by his shirt near the store's door. A police report alleges that Brown grabbed the man who had come from behind the store counter and "forcefully pushed him back" into a display rack.

Police said they found evidence of the stolen merchandise on Brown's body.

Brown's family and supporters had been pushing for release of the officer's name. Wilson is a six-year police veteran and had no previous complaints filed against him, Jackson said.

## Senate to review transfer of military equipment to police

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Public alarm over heavily armed police confronting rioters in Missouri has convinced the Senate to take another look at a federal program that gives equipment from Iraq and Afghanistan to the country's local law enforcement agencies.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Friday he will take up a review of the Department of Defense excess property program when the chamber returns next month from summer recess.

The so-called 1033 program allows police departments to pay nominal fees for armored vehicles, grenade launchers, drones, night-vision goggles and other battlefield equipment used by U.S. forces during the past 13 years of war. For example, a county in Ohio bought an Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle in June for \$6,000 — the towering trucks used to protect troops from roadside bombs in Iraq cost the military \$535,000 or more apiece — and such purchases are common in counties throughout the United States.

The 1033 program has been in place since 1990, at the height of drug activity from the country's crack cocaine epidemic, and recently has been pumped up by the surplus of weapons and war spending following 9/11.

"Congress established this program out of real concern that local law enforcement agencies were literally outgunned by drug criminals," Levin wrote in a statement Friday. "We intended this equipment to keep police of ficers and their communities safe



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Photos of Ferguson, Mo., police in action — such as this image from Monday — have raised questions about a Defense Department program that allows law enforcement agencies to buy military gear.

from heavily armed drug gangs and terrorist incidents."

Levin said the committee will review the program before the full chamber considers its annual defense bill, though it remains unclear when the massive piece of legislation will make it to the Senate floor.

Concerns had been rising for years over police — outfitted like soldiers in a war zone — intimidating the public, using excessive force or wielding equipment that could be dangerous to the public.

But the militarization of local law enforcement became starkly apparent in images from riots that broke out in Ferguson, Mo., this week after police there shot to death Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager they said was suspected of robbery.

One published photo showed a group of police in camouflage military outfits, helmets, and gas masks pointing assault rifles at an unarmed black man with his

hands in the air. Others showed police in military dress patrolling the area with armored vehicles, echoing now-familiar images of the country's overseas wars against Iraq insurgents and the Taliban.

President Barack Obama broke from his vacation on Martha's Vineyard on Thursday to address the public concerns over the riot response, saying there is "no excuse for police to use excessive force against peaceful protests."

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., who traveled to Ferguson on Thursday, said the situation on the ground was "totally unacceptable" and said the Missouri police should respect the public's right to protest peacefully.

"We need to demilitarize this situation — this kind of response by the police has become the problem instead of the solution," she said in a statement.

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## NATION

# More Clinton-Obama differences likely to emerge as 2016 nears

By KEN THOMAS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton's split with President Barack Obama over a foreign policy "organizing principle" isn't likely to be the last time differences emerge between the two. How she handles those breaks could be among her biggest challenges to a successful run for president in 2016.

While Obama and Clinton share similar views in many areas, the former first lady's interview with The Atlantic offered her most significant break with her onetime campaign rival.

She said Obama's "failure" to back the rebels in Syria led to the rise of Islamic State militants in Iraq. She appeared dismissive of Obama's approach to foreign policy, saying "Don't do stupid stuff" is not an organizing principle.

Clinton likely will seek some separation from Obama if she runs for president — especially if Obama's approval ratings stay near 40 percent. But decoupling from a two-term president of your own party can be tricky.

Republican Sen. John McCain was weighed down by President George W. Bush's poor approval ratings in 2008 and Democrats' contention that electing McCain was tantamount to a third Bush term. In 2000, many Democrats urged Vice President Al Gore to campaign more emphatically on President Bill Clinton's economic success instead of distancing himself from the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

A few areas where Obama and Clinton's views will be closely watched as 2016 approaches:

## Foreign policy

How Obama handles a series of foreign crises — Iraq, Gaza, Ukraine and Syria — could directly influence a future Clinton campaign.

The president's decision to launch airstrikes in Iraq comes only two years after he campaigned for re-election on a record that included ending the Iraq war.

In her book "Hard Choices," Clinton wrote that she "came

to deeply regret" her vote to authorize the war, a decision that Obama used as a foil in the 2008 campaign. Clinton has not yet commented publicly on Obama's latest moves in Iraq.

The book includes instances in which she and Obama shared divergent views. In Egypt, she wrote that she was concerned about the U.S. being seen as pushing out a long-term partner in Hosni Mubarak without a clear picture of the region's future.

But Republicans say Clinton will be hard-pressed to draw such distinctions, since she was an integral member of his team as secretary of State.

## Economy

Clinton often talks about the challenges faced by many Americans who haven't benefited from the economic recovery. Obama has presided over steady job growth during the past six months but it remains to be seen whether Clinton could run on an economic comeback story.

In a July interview with the German magazine Der Spiegel, Clinton said the research of economist Thomas Piketty showed that income inequality is "threatening to democracy."

"Even during the Great Depression people in the streets believed that they could make it and they would be better off. Now the relative wealth is much higher, but the disparity makes people believe that they're stuck," said Clinton, who has pointed to her husband's economic record as a model.

## Immigration

Clinton has kept a close line with Obama on immigration — both on the need for a comprehensive overhaul and the influx of unaccompanied minors from Central America across the U.S.-Mexican border.

Clinton said last month she supported creating a refugee screening process for the children in their home countries to discourage the dangerous journeys to the U.S., an approach that is similar to a pilot program under consideration by the White House.

domestic nature" Saturday night. Police would not disclose the identity of the caller nor the caller's relation to the incident.

Friday, the Navy issued a statement that Capt. Paul Snodgrass, who heads Submarine Squadron 6 based at Norfolk Naval Station, had "lost confidence in Tarsa's ability to serve effectively."

"The Navy holds those in positions of command to very high standards and holds them accountable when those standards



RODOLFO GONZALEZ, AUSTIN (TEXAS) AMERICAN-STATESMAN/AP

Travis County Special prosecutor Michael McCrum announces Friday that Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been indicted by a grand jury in Austin, Texas.

# Texas' Perry charged with coercion for veto threat

By PAUL J. WEBER  
AND WILL WEISSEITZ  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A grand jury indicted Texas Gov. Rick Perry for allegedly abusing the powers of his office by carrying out a threat to veto funding for state prosecutors investigating public corruption — making the possible 2016 presidential hopeful his state's first indicted governor in nearly a century.

A special prosecutor spent months calling witnesses and presenting evidence that Perry broke the law when he promised publicly to nix \$7.5 million over two years for the public integrity unit, which is run by Travis County Democratic District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg's office. Lehmberg was convicted of drunken driving, but refused Perry's calls to resign.

Perry's general counsel, Marry Anne Wiley, on Friday defended the governor's action.

"The veto in question was made in accordance with the veto authority afforded to every governor under the Texas Constitution,"

she said. "We will continue to aggressively defend the governor's lawful and constitutional action, and believe we will ultimately prevail."

Several top aides to the Republican governor appeared before grand jurors in Austin, including his deputy chief of staff, legislative director and general counsel. Perry, himself, did not testify, though.

Grand jurors indicted Perry on abuse of official capacity, a first-degree felony with potential punishments of five to 99 years in prison, and coercion of a public servant, a third-degree felony that carries a punishment of two to 10 years.

A spokesman for the governor didn't immediately return messages seeking comment.

No one disputes that Perry is allowed to veto measures approved by the Legislature, including part



Perry

of all of the state budget. But the left-leaning Texans for Public Justice government watchdog group filed an ethics complaint accusing the governor of coercion because he threatened to use his veto before actually doing so in an attempt to pressure Lehmberg to quit.

"I took into account the fact that we're talking about a governor of a state — and a governor of the state of Texas, which we all love," said Michael McCrum, the San Antonio-based special prosecutor. "Obviously that carries a lot of importance. But when it gets down to it, the law is the law."

In office since 2000 and already the longest-serving governor in Texas history, Perry isn't seeking re-election in November. But the criminal investigation could mar his political prospects as he mulls another run at the White House after his 2012 presidential bid flamed out.

McCrum said he'll meet with Perry's attorney Monday to discuss when he will come to the courthouse to be arraigned. McCrum said he doesn't know when Perry will be booked.

# Attack submarine commander fired after domestic-assault arrest

By DIANNA CAHN  
The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. — The commander of the Norfolk, Va.-based attack submarine Newport News was fired from his position Friday, less than a week after being arrested in Chesapeake on a domestic assault charge.

Chesapeake police spokeswoman Kelly O'Sullivan said Cmdr. Christopher Tarsa was arrested at his home early Sunday morning after police received a call of "a

are not met," it added.

Tarsa was reassigned to the staff of Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic.

A Navy spokesman said following Tarsa's arrest, the Navy launched its own investigation, which is continuing.

"The relief is not related to professional performance," said Lt. Tim Hawkins, a spokesman for Navy Submarine Group 2 out of Groton, Conn., which oversees the squadron of Norfolk-based subs.

"The facts from the ongoing investigation and the rights of all involved were carefully considered when this decision was made," he added.

Cmdr. Roger Meyer, Snodgrass' deputy, has assumed command of the Los Angeles-class submarine until a permanent replacement is named. Meyer previously commanded the submarine Miami, the Navy said.

Tarsa, 41, took command of the Newport News last August. He

has served aboard a number of submarines during his nearly 20-year career, including as executive officer of the ballistic missile submarine Tennessee, from 2008 to 2010.

Tarsa's arrest was reported Friday by the Navy Times, citing a Navy document. The newspaper reported that Tarsa's spouse obtained military and civilian protective orders, and that Tarsa is scheduled to appear in court on Monday.



## NATION

# Police: Couple planned to harm Amish girls

By GEORGE M. WALSH  
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — A northern New York couple has been arrested on charges they intended to physically harm or sexually abuse two Amish sisters after abducting them from a roadside farm stand.

Stephen Howells II, 39, and Nicole Vaisey, 25, both of Hermon, were each charged Friday night with two counts of first-degree kidnapping. They appeared in court with lawyers, but were not allowed to enter a plea. A town justice ordered them jailed without bond, and a preliminary hear-

ing is scheduled for Thursday.

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office issued a statement late Friday saying the arrests of Howells and Vaisey "no doubt saved young children from future abuse."

Sheriff Kevin Wells said in a statement that the older of the two girls provided "crucial information" that led to the arrests.

District Attorney Mary Rain declined to discuss a motive for the abduction or provide any other specifics about the suspects. She said information provided by the girls helped lead to Howells and Vaisey.

The 7-year-old and 12-year-old

vanished Wednesday evening in Oswegatchie, touching off a massive search in the farming community near the Canadian border.

They turned up safe about 24 hours later at the door of a house 15 miles from where they were taken. Hermon is about 13 miles from Oswegatchie.

"The children seemed to be healthy, a little wet and cold,"



Howells

the prosecutor said earlier Friday. "They were dropped off at a residential area in Richville. The children knocked on the door of a stranger. The stranger brought them home to their house and the police were there waiting."

Searchers had scoured the farming community of about 4,000 people, in a hunt hampered by a lack of photos of the girls for

authorities to circulate.

The Amish typically avoid modern technology, and the family had to work with an artist who spoke their language, a German dialect known as Pennsylvania Dutch, to produce a sketch of the older girl.

The episode left a sense of vulnerability in a community where residents said even small children often walk unaccompanied to school.

"One thing that comes from this is that people learn this can happen in a small town," the prosecutor said. "I think the public will take precautions, and that's the sad thing."

## Incumbent Sen. Schatz wins tough Hawaii race

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
The Associated Press

PAHOA, Hawaii — Incumbent U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz won a tense Democratic primary election in Hawaii, proving that he is no longer just a senator who was appointed to the seat — he has captured the confidence of Hawaii voters.

The dramatic race to finish the term of the late Sen. Daniel Inouye was tinged with emotional residue from the past. Schatz was challenged by U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, who at one point said that he wasn't a true incumbent because he had been appointed by Gov. Neil Abercrombie after Inouye's dying wish that Hanabusa replace him.

Now, after an election that stretched over nearly a week because Tropical Storm Iselle knocked out power and closed polling stations, Schatz has carried his slim election-night lead to a victory.

"This was obviously an extremely hard-fought race. But we're gratified that the voters heard our message and recognized that I've been working hard for the people of Hawaii," Schatz said in an interview with The Associated Press late Friday.

Schatz edged out Hanabusa, capturing 48.5 percent of the vote, compared with Hanabusa's 47.8 percent.

Schatz had outspent Hanabusa by \$1 million during his campaign, and his ads — which emphasized his endorsement by President Barack Obama — dominated TV and radio.

The election was held Friday for two rural precincts on Hawaii's Big Island that were closed on election day because of damage from Iselle. In the days leading up to Friday's makeup primary, Hanabusa tried to delay the election to give area residents more



Marco Garcia/AP

**U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, running in a tight race in the Democratic primary election, does some last minute campaigning near a polling precinct Friday in Palao, Hawaii.**

time to recover from the storm, but she lost a court challenge.

In an interview with reporters late Friday, Hanabusa thanked her supporters for their help conducting a campaign with a "major money deficit."

"That is one of the most humbling and phenomenal things about elections, it's the relationships that we make, the relationships that we earn," she said. "And I just want to say 'Mahalo' to everyone who has given their heart and soul to this election."

Iselle threw an unexpected twist to an already unusual campaign battle, turning the spotlight on Puna, an often neglected part of the state that was in the unlikely position of deciding the likely winner of the U.S. Senate race. Schatz will face Republican candidate Cam Cavasso in No-

vember, but Schatz is expected to cruise to victory in the heavily Democratic state.

With hundreds of downed trees and power lines sending the region into chaos, thousands of voters couldn't get to the polls. Both candidates got to work handing out food, water and ice to storm victims and giving the decisive voters a chance to judge them up close.

Some voters preferred Schatz's way of handling the situation.

"He looked like a Puna boy with his Levis and baseball cap, and he was just working hard passing out supplies," said Sharon Turner, owner of Island Edges Beads in Hilo. "Then when I saw Hanabusa, she was passing out chili. But all the people around her had their campaign hats on."

## Scientists create swarm of robots that can form shapes

Los Angeles Times

Here comes the swarm. Scientists at Harvard University have created the first 1,000-strong swarm of robots that can assemble themselves into different shapes upon command.

Using 1,024 three-legged robots roughly the size of a ping-pong ball, the robo-swarm could form all kinds of shapes — a K, a star, a wrench — without any human intervention along the way. These "kilobots," described in the journal *Science*, could help researchers build teams of robots that could work together in powerful ways.

Intelligent collective behavior can be found throughout nature, from birds flying in a flock to cells in the body. Ants are prime examples. They're nearly blind and not especially smart, and must rely on limited information from their neighbors. But as a colony, they can act like a smart superorganism, quickly building complex, river-worthy rafts with their bodies to survive floods.

"We look at ants and schools of fish for ideas on how they interact with each other," said lead author Michael Rubenstein, a computer scientist at Harvard University. "We're inspired by trying to understand these natural systems."

Scientists and engineers want

to take advantage of these phenomena by building small robots that can work together to perform complicated, large-scale tasks. They've created adorably tiny flying robots that could only fly solo. Another team anchored by Harvard's Radhika Nagpal created robotic termites, which can build simple structures as a team — but only in small numbers.

The problem is that designing the algorithms that are robust enough to handle a thousand-strong swarm is even harder than it sounds — robot swarms tend to range from 10 to 50 members, and infrequently topped 100. It's just as difficult to build that many robots, and to keep the cost of constructing them down.

To tackle these issues, the Harvard researchers built robots with twiggy stiffs for legs — wheels are expensive to make. These bots use vibrating motors to skitter across a surface, rather in the way a phone can drift across a table when it vibrates.

Like individual ants, these robots are not particularly adept or powerful alone. They can't always walk in a straight line. But their collective movement smooths out mistakes as the bots move around following a specific set of rules encoded in the algorithm.

## Potential juror Mr. T: 'I pity the criminals'

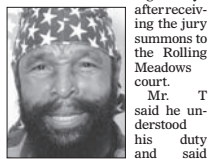
ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. — Lawrence Tureaud, better known as Mr. T, was in true form as he waited outside a suburban Chicago courthouse to be called for jury duty.

Spotting his usual Mohawk and wearing an FBI sweatshirt and hat, but not a gold chain, the star of "Rocky III" and TV's "The A-Team" signed autographs and made his feelings known.

He said, "I pity the criminals today," as he explained he had been designated a potential juror for a trial scheduled for Friday.

The Daily Herald in Arlington

Heights reported Tureaud, 62, said he never considered "playing hooky" after receiving the jury summons to the Rolling Meadows court.



Tureaud

responsibilities. In the end, Tureaud wasn't picked as a juror.

From The Associated Press

## WORLD

# Russian aid convoy waits near Ukraine border

By ALEXANDER ROSLYAKOV  
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The Associated Press

**KAMENSK-SHAKHTINSKY, Russia** — Scores of trucks in a Russian aid convoy waited Saturday near the Ukrainian border as complicated procedures drag on for allowing them into eastern Ukraine to help civilians suffering amid fighting between Ukrainian forces and separatists.

Ukrainian officials are concerned that the mission, including around 200 trucks, could be a guise for Russia to send in equipment for the rebels, whom Kiev and Western countries claim are backed by Moscow. But Russia and Ukraine reached an agreement under which the trucks could enter with Red Cross accompaniment if Ukrainian border guards and customs agents approve the cargo.

A representative of Russia's Emergency Ministry, who declined to give his name, told The Associated Press that documents about the cargo have been given to Ukrainian border guards and customs officials who have come to the Russian border town of Donetsk for the cargo inspection.

But Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council, told reporters in Kiev that as of midday, the Ukrainians had not received documents from the Red Cross about what is aboard the trucks.

Fighting continued in eastern Ukraine, and Lysenko said three Ukrainian servicemen had been killed in the past day.

He reiterated the claim made a day earlier by President Petro Poroshenko that Ukrainian forces had destroyed most of a column of Russian military vehicles



PAVEL GOLOVNIK/AP

**A driver carries empty water bottles as he walks past trucks forming part of an aid convoy parked in a field about 17 miles from the Ukrainian border, near Kamensk-Shakhtinsky, Russia, on Saturday.**

that had entered eastern Ukraine on Thursday evening.

Russia sharply denied that any such incursion had taken place, and the White House said it was looking into what it called unconfirmed reports that Russian military vehicles were destroyed. Nonetheless, the reports spooked global markets and overshadowed optimism about the aid convoy.

Fighting has escalated since the insurgency arose in April, and conditions for countless civilians are deteriorating.

The city of Luhansk is encircled by Ukrainian forces and reportedly suffering from severe electrical outages and shortages of food and medicine. The largest rebel-held city, Donetsk, also

is suffering from fighting that includes frequent shelling.

Lysenko said Ukrainian forces are not using artillery or airstrikes against either Luhansk or Donetsk. Ukrainians have blamed rebels for the shelling, while the insurgents say Ukrainians are firing on civilian targets.

While the Russian aid convoy remained stalled near the border, Ukraine has mounted a smaller but substantial aid mission to parts of the east recently freed from rebel control.

Trucks sent from the eastern city of Kharkiv were unloaded Friday at warehouses in the town of Starobisk, where the goods were to be sorted and transported further by the Red Cross.

Starobisk is 60 miles north of Luhansk.

Other Ukrainian aid was taken to the town of Lysychansk, which was retaken by Ukrainian forces late last month but had seen sporadic clashes until earlier last week.

The foreign ministers of Ukraine, Russia, France and Germany are expected to meet Sunday in Berlin to discuss the crisis.

The fighting in eastern Ukraine has claimed nearly 2,100 lives, according to the U.N. — half of those in the last few weeks as the Ukrainian troops regained more and more rebel-held territory. It began in April, a month after Russia annexed Ukraine's Black Sea peninsula of Crimea.

## Hagel assured no troops amid relief supplies

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu "guaranteed" Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Friday that no Russian troops are involved in the transport of humanitarian relief supplies to eastern Ukraine, a Pentagon spokesman said.

In their first telephone conversation since late April, Shoigu also assured Hagel that the Russian convoy "was not to be used as a pretext to further intervene in Ukraine," according to the spokesman, Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby.

In a written statement about the phone call, Kirby did not mention whether the two discussed the Ukrainian government's claim that it had attacked and destroyed portions of a convoy of Russian armored personnel carriers that reportedly crossed into Ukrainian territory on Thursday.

Kirby said Shoigu "acknowledged that the goods would be delivered and distributed under the International Committee of the Red Cross," Kirby said. Shoigu assured Hagel that "Russia is meeting Ukraine's conditions."

Hagel and Shoigu also agreed on the need for follow-on meetings about compliance with a 1987 arms treaty that banned ballistic missiles of intermediate range. The Obama administration in July publicly accused Moscow of violating the so-called INF treaty.

## Liberia opening another Ebola center in capital

The Associated Press

**MONROVIA, Liberia** — Authorities in Liberia opened a new center to treat Ebola patients in the capital Saturday after the existing one became overwhelmed with patients, underscoring that the health crisis is far from under control.

The first center in Monrovia was only meant to treat 25 people but had about 80 patients as of Friday, said Assistant Health Minister Tolbert Nyenswah. The new center will have 120 beds, but it may eventually be tripled in size because of the ongoing crisis.

Isolating Ebola patients is critical to slowing the spread of the disease, as sick people can transmit it through their bodily fluids such as blood, sweat or urine. There is no licensed treatment or vaccine for the disease, which has killed at least half of its victims this year.

Even as authorities rush to put patients in isolation, the U.N.

health agency has warned that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa may last another six months. At least 1,145 people have died across Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Nigeria, and that may "vastly underestimate the magnitude of the outbreak," the World Health Organization said.

New figures released on Friday showed that Liberia now has recorded more deaths — 413 — than any of the other affected countries.

Health workers treating Ebola patients on the front lines of the crisis have borne the brunt of the fatalities. Sierra Leone's president, Ernest Bai Koroma, told journalists Friday that his country has lost two top doctors and 32 nurses.

"We need specialized clinicians and expertise and that is why we are appealing to the international community for an enhanced response to our fight against the Ebola disease," he said.



SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP

**A woman reads a fact sheet for the Ebola virus during an awareness campaign in Lagos, Nigeria, on Friday.**

## Iran dubious about meeting deadline for nuclear deal

The Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Iran's foreign minister said Friday that Tehran is unlikely to reach a final nuclear accord with world powers by a November deadline.

Parliament's news website quoted Mohammad Javad Zarif as saying that even if a general agreement is reached before the deadline, the two sides will require more time to discuss details. "Hence, it is unlikely to reach a final conclusion before a four-month span," he said.

Zarif said the talks could "quickly" reach a conclusion if world powers show "strong will." He said the other side has moved cautiously over the past few months, but that the negotiations are making progress.

Iran and the P5+1 group — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China, plus Germany — in July extended their nuclear talks to November. Western powers have long suspected Iran is secretly pursuing a nuclear weapons capability alongside its civilian program, charges denied by Tehran,

which says its nuclear program is entirely for peaceful purposes such as power generation and the manufacture of medical isotopes.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, a relative moderate, was elected last year after vowing to engage with Western powers to resolve the decade-old nuclear impasse and get crippling sanctions lifted.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who makes the final decision on all major issues, has lent support to the talks, but he expressed doubt they will lead anywhere. On Wednesday, Khamenei said the United States had only grown more hostile to Iran since the talks began, and that there was no point in holding direct negotiations with Washington.

Meanwhile, the director-general of the U.N. nuclear watchdog is due to visit Iran on Sunday, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in a statement. It said Yukiya Amano's visit is "part of the efforts to advance dialogue and cooperation between the Agency and Iran."

# WORLD

## Report: Germany eavesdropped on Kerry and Clinton

By FRANK JORDANS  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's foreign intelligence agency eavesdropped on calls made by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his predecessor, Hillary Clinton, German magazine Der Spiegel reported Saturday.

The respected news weekly reported that the agency, known by its German acronym BND, tapped a satellite phone conversation Kerry made in 2013 as part of its surveillance of telecommunications in the Middle East. The agency also recorded a conversation between Clinton and former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan a year earlier, Der Spiegel claimed.

The magazine didn't give a source for its information, but said the calls were collected accidentally, that the three officials weren't directly targeted and

the recordings were ordered destroyed immediately. In Clinton's case, the call reportedly took place on the same "frequency" as a terror suspect, according to Der Spiegel.

The tapping of Clinton's call was reported Friday by German public broadcaster ARD and the Munich daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung.

If true, the revelations would be embarrassing for the German government, which has spent months complaining to Washington about alleged American spy activity in Germany. Last year German media reports based on documents leaked by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden prompted Angela Merkel, who was allegedly among the U.S. intelligence agency's targets.

A spokesman for the U.S. embassy in Berlin declined to comment on the latest reports.

## More Cubans seek 'libertad'

The Associated Press

MIAMI — One early morning this April, Dairon Morera climbed onto a raft of aluminum tanks with 22 other people, revved up a Volvo car motor and pushed off the Cuban shore, joining a never-ending stream of islanders desperate to reach the United States.

"The biggest dream a Cuban has is to leave," said Morera, who was frustrated by government limits on his pizza business. He had no money for airplane tickets or smugglers, so decided to risk his life in the sea.

Morera's journey was so turbulent that many people vomited, but all made it alive in just 20 hours. They ran ashore in the Florida Keys, hugging each other and shouting "Libertad!"

The number of Cubans trying this perilous journey is up sharply this year, with nearly 3,000 picked up by U.S. authorities so far, double last year's pace.

The special status Cuban migrants have thanks to U.S. efforts to undermine their communist government is a constant push-and-pull. While illegal U.S. immigrants fleeing poverty or violence in other countries are deported, Cubans are welcomed.

The trip can take two or three days if all goes well. But storms, government shuttles and jellyfish abound. Without navigational tools or powerful engines, people can be swept far from any coast, running out of water and dying in the merciless sun.

If we don't find them and they don't land, their chances of survival decrease every day they are out



ALON REININGER/AP

Refugees cling to their overturned raft as a U.S. Coast Guard cutter moves in to pick them up north of Cuba in 1994.

there," said Capt. Mark Fedor, the Coast Guard's enforcement chief in Miami.

Twenty years have passed since Fidel Castro eased political pressure on his communist government by telling Cubans they were free to leave. His declaration in August 1994 launched a sudden exodus of 35,000 islanders. Thousands were picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard and spent months behind barbed wire at the U.S. Navy base on Cuba's eastern edge.

Finally, President Bill Clinton reached a deal with Castro: The migrants at Guantanamo could come to the U.S., and at least 20,000 other Cubans a year could get U.S. visas. But Cuban authorities would resume patrolling to keep people off unseaworthy rafts, and the U.S. would enforce a "wet-foot, dry foot" policy: Anyone intercepted at sea could be returned to Cuba; any Cuban reaching U.S. soil could stay.



KOREA POOL VIA YONHAP/AP

The faithful gather during the beatification mass of Paul Yun Ji-Chung and his 123 martyr companions in Seoul, South Korea, on Saturday.

## Korean martyrs beatified

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Pope Francis beatified 124 Korean martyrs on Saturday, telling hundreds of thousands of people who turned out for his open-air Mass that their ancestors' willingness to die rather than renounce their faith two centuries ago was a model for Asian missionaries today.

The streets leading up to Seoul's iconic Gwanghwamun Gate were packed with Koreans honoring the lay Catholics who founded the church here in the 18th century. Korea's church is unique in that it was founded not by foreign missionary priests — as occurred in most of the world — but by members of Korea's own noble classes who learned of Christianity by reading books about it.

These early Catholics were killed in the 18th and 19th centuries by the Joseon Dynasty, which tried to shut the Korean Peninsula off from Western influence.

Police in Seoul declined to give an estimate of the crowd size, but the Vatican said about 800,000 people had turned out. The number was significant given that Catholics represent only about 10 percent of South Korea's 50 million people.

The Mass kicked off a busy day for Francis as he passed the half-way mark of his five-day South Korea visit. In the afternoon, he traveled to a religious community that cares for severely disabled



GREGORIO BORGIA/AP

Pope Francis kisses a baby as he arrives at the "House of Hope" center for the disabled in Kkottongnae, South Korea, on Saturday.

Koreans and prayed briefly at a monument to aborted babies — a strong albeit silent gesture from a pope who prefers to stress other aspects of church teaching rather than emphasize hot-button, "culture war" issues like abortion.

The Mass in Seoul, though, was one of the highlights of his trip, providing Francis with an oppor-

tunity to stress how the lessons of Korea's early martyrs were relevant today for Korea's church, which is small but growing and is seen as a model for the rest of the world.

"They were willing to make great sacrifices and let themselves be stripped of whatever kept them from Christ — possessions and land, prestige and honor — for they knew that Christ alone was their true treasure," he said. "They challenge us to think about what, if anything, we ourselves would be willing to die for."

Francis praised in particular the fact that laypeople were so crucial to the church's foundation and growth in Korea — a theme he stressed later in the day when he met with leaders of Korean lay movements. The church is counting on such laymen and laywomen to spread the faith in Asia, which the Vatican considers the future of the church. The main reason for Francis' visit to South Korea, in fact, was to attend an Asian Catholic youth festival; the church sees such rallies as a crucial way of inspiring the next generation of Catholics to evangelize.

"Today as ever, the church needs credible lay witnesses to the saving truth of the Gospel," Francis said, stressing in particular the need for their outreach to focus on the poor and most marginalized.

A collective cheer erupted from the masses when Francis declared the 124 "blessed" — the first step toward possible sainthood.

## UK councils field weird, 'vexatious' questions

LONDON — Is your town safe from dragon attack? Inquiring minds want to know.

A list of the top 10 strangest questions posed by Freedom of Information Act petitioners was published Saturday by England's

Local Government Association. The group, which represents more than 350 councils, asked the public not to burden its staff with questions deemed "vexatious," aka ridiculous.

Rossendale Council was asked to detail its employment of exorcists and faith healers. Warrington Council was asked to explain its emergency plans for meteor

strikes and solar flares. Birmingham was asked to reveal how many requests it's had to screen public buildings for ghosts.

And there be dragons in northwest England, apparently. One fact-seeker asked Wigan Council: "What plans are in place to protect the town from a dragon attack?"

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## OPINION

## Wars won't end until Palestinian claims met

By RAMI G. KHOURI

Bloomberg News

In terms of sentiment and fear, Israelis and Palestinians have responded in remarkably similar ways to the conflict in Gaza. Israelis have united around the need to destroy the tunnels and rocket launchers manned by Hamas and groups such as Islamic Jihad. Palestinians are equally united in their refusal to accept any cease-fire that doesn't ultimately lift the Israeli siege of Gaza.

Both sides feel more vulnerable than ever before. Both have paid a heavier price in terms of death, destruction and inconvenience than in previous confrontations. Both have toughened their negotiating demands. Both feel they have no option but to continue the fight. Both are more cohesive internally than they have been for many years.

This hardening of positions underscores how important it is finally to tackle the underlying reasons for the recurring wars in Gaza, rather than papering them over with yet another fragile cease-fire. Neither Israel nor the Palestinians can afford yet another such conflict.

The problem, of course, is that Israelis and Palestinians have reached diametrically opposed conclusions from this latest round of fighting. Some Israelis are now focused on radical measures to ensure their long-term security: underground sensor walls to block any new Hamas tun-

nels; new settlements to cement Israeli control over Palestinian lands; perhaps even permanent military control over the West Bank and Gaza.

That leaves Palestinians to question whether Israelis have really understood the single most important lesson of this war — that time, technology and superior military firepower are no longer on their side, nor are they sufficient to guarantee Israeli permanence and security.

What Palestinians see is that with every round of fighting over the past five years, since the 2008-09 Gaza war, Palestinian military and technical capabilities have grown. Tactically, Hamas has become more sophisticated in its efforts to kill, capture and wound Israeli troops. Politically, Palestinian support for the resistance has deepened and widened. At the conclusion of each bout of fighting, Israel has failed to eliminate Palestinian resistance or destroy Hamas, and has been forced to accept a cease-fire.

In this latest round, Hamas appears to have increased its capacity to absorb Israel's massive firepower, to keep firing rockets and using tunnels, and to inflict pain and fear across Israel. The next time — should peace-making efforts fail yet again — Palestinians expect to enjoy yet greater technological and logistical innovations that will allow their brand of asymmetrical warfare to continue paying dividends.

Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups recognize that they will never de-

stroy Israel. In their own way, they've even acknowledged the need to coexist peacefully — a reality they express in terms of a "long-term truce," even while saying they wouldn't themselves recognize Israel.

So what does Hamas expect to achieve through continued fighting, and why does it enjoy, for now, almost unanimous Palestinian support? It wants to force Israel to do two things: to honor the terms of the 2012 cease-fire agreement that would allow Gazans to live a relatively normal life, with freedom of movement, trade, fishing, marine and air transport, as well as economic development. And it wants to force Israel to address what is in Palestinian eyes the root causes of the conflict: the 1947-48 ethnic cleansing and displacement of the Palestinians.

Israelis are justified in demanding security and acceptance in the region. But that's only half of the equation. Ending Palestinian refugeehood, occupation and siege is the other. The message Israelis should take away from Gaza is that if the Palestinians don't see movement toward their reasonable goals within a framework of international legitimacy, the Israelis shouldn't expect to rest peacefully either. The answer to this conundrum is simple: Move toward meeting the legitimate rights of both sides simultaneously — and quickly.

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## For Israelis, this time war in Gaza is different

By DANIEL GORDIS

Bloomberg News

Ben-Gurion Airport, Israel's only major international hub, lies just inland from the Mediterranean Sea. When heading to Europe or North America, therefore, the standard takeoff route is a simple westward one; as the plane lifts off, you can look out the window, see Tel Aviv, then the beach, and then the sea as you leave Israel behind.

But that was not the route we took when I departed Israel the other day. We headed not west, but east, and then banked left, heading north, over the middle of Israel. Only when there was a fairly significant distance between the plane and the north edge of the Gaza Strip did the pilots make a left turn and head back out toward the sea.

That seemingly innocuous change is a metaphor for Israelis' mindset after a month of war against Hamas. Hamas' military wing, even if fairly well-trained and armed to the teeth, is "merely" a terrorist organization. Israel, in contrast, has a world-class army with enormous firepower. The Israeli Defense Force has reduced the number of Gaza's rocket launchers, killed more than 1,500 people, about half of them terrorists; but it is lost on no Israelis that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (who is polling exceptionally well) has not been able to fulfill his promise that Operation Protective Edge (which Israelis are calling the Pillar of Defense in 2012, both of which ended in Israeli battering Hamas and winning a few years' relative quiet, this war is likely to prove a turning point in Israeli consciousness. This battle too may end with inconclusive military results; but it will have major impact on Israeli society for a long time because it will simply placate the possibility of peace with



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An Israeli army reservist officer wears a T-shirt referring to military operations during the war in Gaza as he talks with others outside a bar in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

any of the Palestinians and the likelihood that Israelis would willingly cede more territory after what they have witnessed this month.

While Netanyahu promised to end the rocket fire, it is the tunnels that changed everything. While military intelligence knew that Hamas had been digging into Israeli territory for years (though it may not have known how many tunnels there were), most of the public did not. The realization that these were anything but crude excavations, but rather highly professional construction, through which armed terrorists could sprint in groups and even ride motorcycles through Israeli territory in the hopes of conducting major attacks and taking prisoners back into Gaza, has shaken Israeli society to its core. That is why, despite heavy IDF casualties, some 86 percent of Israelis favored pressing the battle rather than agreeing to a cease-fire this month.

Some Israeli villages surrounding Gaza are now ghost towns, many residents simply refuse to return home. They do not believe

the IDF's assurances that all the tunnels have been found and destroyed, and are beyond frightened that terrorists could pop out of the ground in their backyards. Israelis are excited to a degree not seen in a long time, because they feel threatened as they have not in many years.

And, many are pointing out, none of this would have happened had Ariel Sharon not pulled out of Gaza in 2005. Many are now convinced that if the pull-out from Gaza was foolish, a parallel move on the West Bank would be suicidal. Once again, as was the case during the Second Intifada a decade ago, Palestinian violence may have dealt the Israeli political left a death blow.

Hamas has exacted a high price from Israel these past weeks. But it has also awakened a sleeping giant. The question now is whether the Palestinian cause is furthered, or dramatically weakened, by the fear this war has created.

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## OPINION

## A stable Kurdistan is a model for the rest of Iraq

By FRED KAPLAN

WASHINGTON

It's clear for lots of reasons — political, economic, strategic, electoral, opportunistic, moral, and simply sensible, to name a few — that President Barack Obama has no desire to get drawn back into the Iraq War. So why is he bombing Islamist insurgents in the Kurdish region of Iraq and saying he might keep doing so for months? Because what he's doing has nothing to do with getting drawn back into the Iraq War.

This seems a paradox, to say the least, but stick with me for a minute. We can all agree that "the Iraq War" refers to the period from 2003-11, when a U.S.-led coalition invaded Iraq, ousted the central Baghdad government, and dismantled all bodies of authority, thus hurling most of the country into sectarian warfare, which American commanders tried to suppress, first through crude, brutal occupation, then (in 2007) through clever counterinsurgency techniques, which played the sectarian factions off one another, vastly reducing the violence and forging a provisional truce.

However, even the advocates of this new strategy, such as Gen. David Petraeus, said all along that the benefits would be temporary at best; that all U.S. forces could do was provide "breathing space" for Iraq's political factions to get their act together.

After American troops came home (under the terms of a 2008 treaty signed by George W. Bush at the insistence of Iraq's parliament), it soon became clear that Iraq's Shiite prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, had no desire to get his act together or sustain the truce with his Sunni rivals; in fact, he stepped up his persecution against them — and sectarian war



A woman from an elite unit of female Kurdish peshmerga fighters trains in July in Sulaymaniyah, north-east of Baghdad.

re-erupted.

This is the Iraq War that neither Obama nor any sentient American should want to re-enter. Obama's airstrikes against the Islamists' holdings in Kurdistan are something different.

Note that three paragraphs ago, in my mini-summary of the Iraq War, I noted that the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein's regime and the dismantling of all his ministries hurled "most of the country into sectarian warfare." The one area of Iraq that remained nearly immune from the chaos — the one area that U.S. authorities deemed "stable" through most of the occupation — was the northern area known as Kurdistan, home to roughly 6 million Kurds.

This is true, despite Kurdistan's

multiethnic population (mainly Muslims but also Yazidis, the Yarsan, Christians and Jews) and its various conflicts over the decades with Baghdad.

The main reason for Kurdistan's stability is that in 1970, the U.S. and Iraqi governments decreed it an autonomous area. More relevant still, after the 1991 Gulf War, the U.N. Security Council, in Resolution 688, declared the area a "safe haven" to protect Kurds from Saddam Hussein's wrath. (He had killed thousands of Kurds with chemical weapons during the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s.) And the United States agreed to enforce the resolution with a "no-fly zone." (In other words, all Iraqi planes trying to fly over Kurdish territory would be shot down by

U.S. air or naval power.)

Under this protection, Kurdistan has thrived. Its per capita income exceeds the rest of Iraq's by 50 percent, it has free-trade zones with Turkey and Iran (both of which were once rivals or enemies), and it has solid relations with many Western companies.

The Kurds' growing wealth has sired tensions too. As Sunni-Shiite violence has turned Iraq into a borderline "failed state," the Kurds have started making their own deals with oil companies and made moves toward their century-long aspirations of complete independence (which the French and British colonialists thwarted after World War I by divvying Kurdish territory among the peripheries of Iraq, Turkey, Syria and Iran).

This would deny Baghdad and Iraq's Sunni Arabs of much oil revenue. Still, it's become very clear that, if Iraq — whether as a centralized state or a loose federation — has any hopes of ever becoming stable, much less democratic, a thriving Kurdistan must be part of it, even a model for it.

When ISIL (now calling itself the Islamic State) crossed into Iraq in June, many in the West expressed worry but not enough to do a lot about it.

First, ISIL seemed pretty small. Second, few realized that — under al-Maliki's corrupt leadership — much of the Iraqi army had become a hollow shell of its former self. Third, ISIL was playing on the hostility of many Sunnis to al-Maliki's Shiite government, so most Western leaders said the only way to solve the problem was for the Iraqis to form a new, more inclusive government; meanwhile, if we defended what was seen as an oppressive Shiite government, we would be viewed as "al-Maliki's air force" and drive still more Sunnis into ISIL's ranks.

Finally, and most pertinent in this context, it was assumed — and, at the outset, affirmed — that the Kurdish peshmerga could defend itself if ISIL moved into Kurdistan.

Obama's Aug. 11 announcement of airstrikes over Kurdistan and increased military shipments followed the first signs that ISIL could challenge the peshmerga after all.

In other words, Obama's moves do not amount to a resumption of the Iraq war but rather a necessary response, not only to a humanitarian crisis but to a mortal danger facing a vital ally.

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## Social makeup, local politics do not match in Ferguson

By JORDAN WEISSMANN

NEW YORK

Ferguson, Mo., is a majority-black city governed mostly by whites. The mayor is white. The police chief is white. The police force is 94 percent white.

Only one of its six city council members is black.

These facts, as much as anything, have shaped the protests over the police shooting of Michael Brown. Ferguson, with a 67 percent black population, is a place where the largest community has little political voice.

Why is that? David Kimball, a political science professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, has studied the dynamics of race and elections in St. Louis proper. He says that the pattern in Ferguson is common throughout the city's inner-ring suburbs, where blacks have gradually replaced whites in recent decades.

The issue boils down to who votes. Ferguson is roughly two-thirds black, but compared with the city's whites, the community is younger, poorer (the city has a 22 percent poverty rate overall), and, like the New York Times recently wrote, somewhat transient, prone to moving

"from apartment to apartment."

All of these factors make black residents less likely to go to the polls, especially in low-turnout municipal elections. And so whites dominate politically.

"The entire mobilization side of it is what accounts for the difference," Kimball said.

To illustrate the point, Kimball told me about a recent school board election in which the city's racial fissures came to the fore.

In 2013, Art McCoy, the young and promising school district superintendent, was suspended by the board without explanation. McCoy, who later resigned, was black, as were three-quarters of the district's students. Six of the school board's members were white, while the other was Hispanic. Local outrage grew quickly.

"It's a white school board and then you have this black superintendent, who so many people are impressed with," Esther Haywood, president of the St. Louis County branch of the NAACP, told the St. Louis Post Dispatch. "Why are they trying to get rid of this black superintendent? We don't know."

In the wake of the controversy, three black candidates chose to run for the school board; despite the anger over Mc-



ROBERT COHEN, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson is surrounded by his officers as he leaves a news conference on Friday.

Coy's ouster, only one managed to win a seat.

"I think the school board election is illustrative, because all the elements are there," Kimball said. "You'd think, OK, this is going to motivate the African-American community. We're going to

see some changes. It's kind of depressing from the standpoint of democracy serving all the constituents in the community." In other words, democracy doesn't always serve the poor.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man gets life sentence for 2010 teen stabbing

**MA** FALL RIVER — A Taunton man has been sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole for fatally stabbing a teenager in 2010.

The Taunton Daily Gazette reported that Etnid Lopez, 22, was sentenced Thursday following his earlier conviction in the death of Tigan Hollingsworth, 17, in June 2010.

Although Lopez was convicted of first-degree murder, which usually carries a life sentence with no parole, he is eligible for parole because he was 17 at the time of the slaying. Lopez's brother and uncle were also convicted of murder in the case.

Authorities said Hollingsworth was stabbed 13 times by Lopez after he was chased from a Taunton convenience store by the three others.

## Jury acquits teacher of molestation charges

**CA** CONCORD — A jury has acquitted a San Francisco Bay Area elementary school teacher on molestation charges involving three former students, and it deadlocked on allegations lodged by 11 others.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that the judge declared a mistrial Thursday on 95 counts after the jurors said they were hopelessly deadlocked.

Joseph Martin, 46, had been charged with more than 100 counts of molestation involving students between 11 and 17 years of age. Martin taught fourth and fifth grade at Woodside Elementary School and had worked in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District in Contra Costa County since 1991.

He had pleaded not guilty. Outside court, Martin's attorney, Patrick Clancy, told reporters that his client's actions with students have been misconstrued.

Prosecutors will decide later whether to retry Martin on the remaining counts.

## Man tries to subdue police dog with punch

**WA** YAKIMA — A man accused of punching a police dog in Yakima was jailed with bail set at \$100,000.

The man was in a grocery store parking lot.

The Yakima Herald-Republic reported that when officers stopped his car, the man refused to cooperate so the dog was ordered to subdue him. After he punched the dog, he was shot with a Taser and arrested.

## Man, woman, child hurt in drive-by shooting

**SC** ANDERSON — Police in Anderson are investigating a drive-by shooting that injured a man, a woman and a 9-year-old child.

Police told area media outlets that the three were walking along a street at about 10 p.m. on Thursday when someone sprayed bullets from a passing car.

## THE CENSUS

# \$38M

The amount paid at auction Thursday night in Carmel, Calif., for a 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO. It was a record, but far less than many experts had predicted. Amid a packed house of well-heeled collectors, the bidding started at \$11 million and hit \$31 million within a minute. But enthusiasm for the car fell flat at the \$34 million mark. The final sale price beat the previous record of nearly \$30 million for a Mercedes W196 sold in England last year. The GTO is among the world's most rare and coveted cars. The exclusive club of GTO owners includes Ralph Lauren and Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

## Serious Pokémon

Competitors Taylor Davis, left, and Austin Baggs, right, concentrate on their strategy as they battle for a last-chance qualifier spot in the Pokémon trading card game for the 2014 Pokémon World Championships in Washington, D.C., on Friday. The tournament, held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, features top trading card and video gamers from around the globe. It offers more than \$100,000 in scholarships to top finishers in each age division, according to the Pokémon website.

None of the injuries were reported to be life-threatening. Police said one bullet grazed the child's chest.

Neighbors told The Independent Mail of Anderson, that the three tried to flee into bushes nearby before the shooter opened fire.

## Man nearly loses hand by machete in a brawl

**NY** AMSTERDAM — A Mohawk Valley man has been charged with assault after police say he nearly sliced off another man's hand with a machete during a fight.

Police in the city of Amsterdam told local media that doctors were able to reattach the man's hand but don't know if he will regain full use of it.

Officers said the man was one of two injured during a brawl Tuesday in Amsterdam, 30 miles northwest of Albany. The second man suffered minor injuries.

Police found a machete hidden in bushes near the scene of the fight.

Officers later arrested Israel Miranda, 42, after one of the victims identified him as the man who had the machete.

Miranda was scheduled to be arraigned Friday morning in Amsterdam City Court.

## Man commits suicide after shooting barmaid

**PA** BROCKPORT — State police said a customer wounded a bartender because he was upset that she wanted to close a northwestern Pennsylvania social club, before fatally turning the gun on himself.

Troopers from the Ridgway barracks in Elk County said the dead man is Eric Carlson, 31, of Brockport.

They said he was at the Brockport Army & Navy Club in Horton Township when the 20-year-old bartender was announcing she was closing just before midnight Thursday.

Police said Carlson became upset when the bartender asked him to leave, shooting her before killing himself. The bartender

was flown to UPMC Altoona hospital; her name and condition weren't being released.

Nobody was answering the phone Friday at the club about 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Police said the weapon used might have been stolen earlier in the day from a vehicle.

## Ex-officer goes to court to face murder charges

**WI** KENOSHA — A former police officer accused of killing two women and hiding their remains in a pair of suitcases is headed to trial after waiving his preliminary hearing in southern Wisconsin.

Steven Zelich is charged with first-degree homicide and hiding a corpse in Kenosha County, where he's accused of killing Jenny Gamez, of Cottage Grove, Ore.

A criminal complaint says the former West Allis officer, 52, killed the 19-year-old college student during a sexual choking game and then hid her body in his home and car for months before

dumping it in early June.

Prosecutors typically use a complaint during a preliminary hearing as the basis to convince a judge to hold someone for trial.

Zelich also is a suspect in the death of a Farmington, Minn., woman. The women's remains were found in June in suitcases left along a rural Walworth County highway about an hour southwest of Milwaukee.

## 6 injured when tree topples onto tents

**VA** CHARLOTTESVILLE University of Virginia police said six people were hospitalized after a large section of a tree toppled onto tents at a farmers market.

Lt. Melissa Fielding said the incident occurred Thursday afternoon at the University of Virginia Medical Center, where a farmers market had been set up for university employees.

Police said injuries ranged from minor to serious, but none were considered life-threatening.

From wire reports



## LIFESTYLE

# Sleight of hand

## Magicians need more than tricks to survive

By ERIK LACITIS  
The Seattle Times

At a reported \$800 million net worth, David Copperfield sits at the very top of the 9,000 U.S. members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Then the earnings list goes rapidly down to those playing small clubs and corporate events. Ninety percent of magicians, perhaps even 95 percent, don't make a full-time living at this craft they love.

They have day jobs or are retired or are labeled "hobbyists," says their association.

Evan Reynolds, 44, a software programmer in downtown Seattle, is in that latter category.

But for those who perform for free in community theater, just like the musicians who play for \$50 a night at some tavern, you gotta follow your passion.

"I like the concept of wonder," Reynolds says. "I like practicing a trick on my sofa for a month, and then you show it to somebody and it actually

**Magician Evan Reynolds, of Seattle, has created affordable, family-friendly magic and variety shows.**

PHOTOS BY ERIKA SCHULTZ,  
THE SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

works. It's kind of cool."

Earlier this year, Reynolds had this big concept of putting on monthly family variety shows with jugglers, magicians and other performers, and selling cheap tickets, like \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults.

It has been a laudable but mostly money-losing venture.

A recent Sunday afternoon at the Phinney Center Community Hall, located in a former elementary school, was no exception.

By the time Reynolds added up the \$260 auditorium rental fee, nominal fees (and they were nominal) for the performers, and such costs as \$100 for posters to spread the word, the show was at a deficit because of those \$5 and \$10 tickets.

Still, Reynolds did end up making 100 children and adults very happy.

When after the show, you have a kid like Grey Zakac, 9, imitating a palming trick for his sister, Jillian, 7, you know you're connected with the audience.

It was not a computer game, and not a video.

That was Reynolds making a bowl of water appear from inside a straitjacket.

That was juggler Nikolai Pirak doing incredible feats of tossing and catching balls in constant motion; and humor magician Ruben Barron fooling the audience with a disappearing ball trick; and the self-advised "renegade" punkish Chaotic Noise Marching Corps leading the audience out into the parking lot.

In the world of magicians, you always have to be hustling.

Louie Foxx, 36, is a Seattle-based magician who's in that rare category of making a good, full-time living at it.

He figures he does 400 shows a year throughout the country, sometimes three in one day.

Then it's on to the next gig.

"At the end of the day, you're out of contract, unemployed. It's not that I have one boss,



Max Minkin Horwitz, 8, assists Reynolds with a trick at a family variety show at Phinney Center in Seattle.

I have 300 bosses that I have to keep happy," says Foxx.

"Sometimes, you've been working with one event planner for 12 years, and they love your show. Then they retire or switch jobs, and whoever replaced that person doesn't like magicians. And I don't have sick leave. I get up sick and what do I do? Luckily, I have a network of guys who I trust who I can call to do the show."

By the time you average in the lower-paid ones, the job site SimplyHired.com figures, the average magician's salary in Seattle is \$35,000 a year, higher than the nationwide average of \$29,000 a year.

It's not for the big bucks that you go into this craft.

"You ask any magician, and they'll tell you that the big payoff is the look on spectators' faces, the look of astonishment. That's the high. You're taking something bordering on the impossible, and making it happen," says Jay Boisselle, owner of the Seattle Juggling & Magic Shop.

The magicians association has 150 members in this state, and Boisselle figures a dozen of them make their living at it.

It has always been a mostly male endeavor, and Boisselle says he doesn't quite understand why.

"Maybe it's a matter of exposure. Boys get a magic kit, girls are off doing crafts," he says.

In many ways, Evan Reynolds is pretty typical of those who take up magic. Growing up in Virginia, his dad was an amateur magician, and sometimes fellow magicians would come to the home.

By middle school, Reynolds was checking out magic books from the library and learning card tricks.

"At first you drop cards and look really bad, but then you keep doing it and doing it, and you get better and better," he says.

These days, Reynolds sets up a video camera to record a card trick, with the camera set up at the same angle as an audience spectator would be looking.

His magic skills grew enough that he got a job working for \$50 and meals at the Sunday brunch crowd at an Atlanta restaurant.

That led to gigs at birthday parties and corporate events, which he cut back once his kids came along.

But moving to Seattle three years ago, Reynolds kept alive his dream of that family variety show at low ticket prices.

Whether he booked the 65-seat JewelBox Theater in downtown Seattle, or the bigger auditorium at Phinney Center, the numbers weren't adding up.

One day, Reynolds happened to see a poster about the city's neighborhood matching funds. He put in an application for his family shows.

On July 11, Reynolds got a letter from Seattle Mayor Ed Murray saying his project was funded because of its potential "for improvements to the community" — to the tune of \$22,000 to fund 12 shows that will have free admission.

The money will be dispersed by the Phinney Center. Reynolds hopes the first free show will be in September.

You could call this a little bit of magic for Reynolds.

But as any magician can tell you, the magic doesn't happen without a lot of hard work.

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MUSIC

# Spoon digs back in after hiatus with latest, 'They Want My Soul'

By MIKAEL WOOD  
Los Angeles Times

After more than 20 years of activity, Britt Daniel and his band Spoon have cultivated such a reputation for consistency that it's tempting to overstate any shift in the group's carefully managed ecosystem.

Yet Spoon's new album reflects moves that seem truly significant for the band, which formed in Austin, Texas, in 1993 and went on to make seven increasingly acclaimed records before going on a brief hiatus following 2010's "Transference."

Released on Aug. 5, "They Want My Soul" is the group's first album since Daniel moved to Los Angeles in 2011. It features a new member, keyboardist and guitarist Alex Fischel, and two high-profile producers the band hadn't used before.

And after a decade-plus run on the proudly independent Merge Records, "They Want My Soul" marks Spoon's fresh relationship with Loma Vista Recordings, an L.A.-based company with ties to the major-label system that Daniel once abhorred.

"We took a break, and when you come back from a break, you have a lot of new ideas," the singer said recently. "This just felt like a time to make a change."

The jolt paid off: With its juicy melodies, enigmatic lyrics and imaginative arrangements, "They Want My Soul" is Spoon's strongest album yet, something rarely (if ever) said about a band's eighth record. The basic approach sticks to the template Daniel and drummer Jim Eno devised more than 20 years ago: slashing guitar licks and Daniel's parched singing over taut grooves that suggest a kind of post-punk R&B.

But the songs keep flashing new colors, as in the synth-ed-up "New York Kids" and "Inside Out," which shimmers with the delicate plucking of what appears to be a harp. Throughout the album, the band sounds more urgent and propulsive than it has in years. In the usual crisp button-down beat for "Knock Knock Knock," which Daniel referred to as the band's homage to Dr. Dre.

"I wanted this to be a visceral record," he said, curled into a corner seat at a wine bar near his home in Los Feliz, Calif. Dressed in his usual crisp button-down shirt, Daniel, 43, was headed out of town the next morning to begin a tour. "The idea was 'inventive' but not too brainy."

"Transference," he added, might've been a bit too brainy, with woozy, densely textured songs that didn't play especially well onstage. But things were happening for Spoon — bigger crowds, more robust record sales, licensing deals for its music to be used in movies and TV shows



After a four-year hiatus, Spoon returns with "They Want My Soul," considered to be one of their best albums yet.

Concord Music Group

— so the group stayed on the road "maybe longer than that record wanted to be toured."

"We were signed up for at least 11 months, and we had to live that out," Daniel said.

By the end, relationships in the band (which also includes bassist Rob Pope and guitarist Eric Harvey) had frayed. A break sounded like a good idea.

Daniel knew too that he wanted new surroundings; he chose L.A. over New York because here he could more easily "make noise in my house." In 2012 he formed another project, Divine Fits, with Dan Boeckner of the indie-rock band Wolf Parade; eventually they made an album and toured together.

Yet Daniel never doubted that he'd return to Spoon, which he did last year accompanied by Fischel, who'd performed live with Divine Fits. Daniel played keyboards on earlier Spoon records, but "there's certain things he can do that I can't do," the singer said,

such as play solos that don't just sound like showing off.

"Alex's soloing is really moving," Daniel said. "There's no Clapton to it, you know what I mean?"

In search of additional energy, the band enlisted Joe Chiccarelli and Dave Fridmann, producers known for their collaborations with acts including the White Stripes and the Flaming Lips, to oversee separate studio sessions in L.A. and upstate New York. Both encouraged Spoon to broaden a sonic palette that's often been described as minimalist, even if Daniel said he'd never use that term himself.

"I mean, I get it," he said. "We started hearing that (in 2002) with 'Kill the Moonlight,' and that album opens with a song called 'Small Stakes,' which is just a Wurflizer (organ), a tambourine through reverb and a vocal through reverb."

With the album completed, Daniel felt determined to present his latest effort in a fresh way.

Spoon's partnership with Merge, he acknowledged, was working; "Transference" entered the Billboard chart at No. 4, a huge accomplishment for an indie label.

"But maybe it wasn't working well enough," Daniel added. Loma Vista promised the possibility of something more — without the show-biz phroness that once inspired Daniel to write two songs about an Elektra Records executive whom he felt had neglected the band.

Headed by Tom Whalley, a music-industry veteran who tried to sign Spoon to Interscope in 1995, the label bills itself as a boutique shop with the reach and wherewithal of a major. (It's distributed by Universal Music Group, the world's largest record company.)

"I'm someone who can help Britt maintain his strength of independence while providing opportunities to expand his audience," said Whalley.

He and Daniel were vague regarding the specifics of how that

## Spoon

They Want My Soul  
(Loma Vista)

After establishing a standard of excellence with five albums since the turn of the millennium, the Austin, Texas, rock band Spoon took a break after 2010's slightly less than excellent "Transference." Singer Britt Daniel paired off with Dan Boeckner of Wolf Parade to form the synth-sational side project Divine Fits, while drummer/producer Jim Eno got busy knob-twiddling for bands such as Telekinesis and !!!.

The brief hiatus served the band well. Collaborating with a pair of producers — Joe Chiccarelli, who's worked with everyone from Tori Amos to Frank Zappa; and Dave Fridmann, who's closely associated with the Flaming Lips — Spoon does tweak its sound slightly, playing around with electro-pop experimentalism on "Outlier," for instance.

But mostly, "They Want My Soul" is sharp, smart, and concise, exactly what you would hope — and expect — a Spoon album to be. That goes for the meaty hooks that get things going with appropriate swagger on "Rent I Pay," and the grabby melody and jagged guitar breaks on the title cut, in which Daniel rails against anyone who might steal his mojo. The special treat is "I Just Don't Understand," a 1961 Ann-Margret hit sung by principal Daniel influence John Lennon when the Beatles covered it on their BBC radio sessions. Here, it just sounds like another really good Spoon song.

— Dan DeLuca  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

might happen, though the singer pointed to several recent music videos, each of which gained considerable traction online — as a sign that he's being more thoughtful about promotion.

Like most artists, Daniel claimed to be less concerned with the commercial than with the creative. But he didn't deny that one affects the other.

"Success brings benefits, and you start to think that you can throw money at your problems, or you can delegate," he said. "But at some point you still have to make the record. And I think that's why we're good. We spend the time to do it right."

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## MUSIC

# TWANG HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD

Country goes global as international fans find appeal in music's core values, more mainstream sounds

By RANDY LEWIS  
Los Angeles Times

Country musician Brad Paisley's first tour of the United Kingdom in 2000 didn't leave him much to write home to West Virginia about.

Paisley and the other acts on the tour flew commercial airlines and saw their precious band gear stashed into the jet's regular luggage holds. The hotels were spartan, the venues were small and they were lucky if the promoters would give them a soundcheck before taking the stage.

"I remember thinking, 'What am I doing?'" Paisley said. "Knowing who I am in America, what am I doing here?"

These days, Paisley is finding a warmer reception overseas. He first noticed the thaw in 2010 when he booked a show in London.

"I was told, 'You'll be playing a small venue and it probably won't sell out,'" Paisley said.

But tickets went so fast, a second show was added and sold out. When Paisley returned to London in 2011, he was booked at the O2 arena.

"I said, 'Are you kidding me?'" They sold 10,000 tickets. That's a good night in America. It feels like the tip of the iceberg."

For decades, country acts rarely toured abroad, with exceptions for superstars such as Johnny Cash. Now, it's one of America's hottest musical exports.

Love of family and country — core American values — are part of the appeal for a growing number of global fans. No other form of pop music more consistently expresses the virtues of hard work, self-reliance, honesty, equality and, often, a maverick attitude toward the status quo.

One measure of the shift of the 100 highest-grossing tours of 2011 worldwide, according to the concert-tracking service Pollstar, 11 were country acts. Two years later, 15 broke that threshold, selling more than 300,000 tickets outside the U.S. last year.

Some of the credit goes to bands working harder to build audiences through social media, and the ability to reach audience directly through YouTube and similar services.

Another factor: Country music these days is a little less country, and a little more pop. Cross-over superstars such as Taylor Swift helped make traditional country instruments such as steel guitars and banjos more accessible to foreign audiences.

"It's a phenomenon that probably started half a dozen years ago when Taylor Swift emerged as a major international artist," said Bob Shennan, director of music for three BBC Radio stations. "She came to the U.K. being very much a country artist, then came back and came back and

grew a real fan base and now has morphed into the biggest pop act on the planet at the moment."

Younger acts with a knack for marketing on social media are among the most active, and most successful, in reaching world audiences. Swift mastered that skill early and her template is being emulated and expanded on by a growing number of young peers, including Kacey Musgraves, the Band Perry, Chris Young and Brantley Gilbert.

"The Internet has been a huge help," said Scott Borchetta, head of Swift's label, Big Machine Records. "Whether it was the first time we took the Band Perry over or the first time we took Taylor, there was already an awareness by a small group of super fans. That never would have happened pre-Internet."

Then there are high-profile country music events such as the new Country To Country (C2C) Festivals that promoter AEG staged with the Nashville-based Country Music Association for the past

two years in London, adding Dublin to the mix this year. Over the course of two days in March, the 2014 C2C London shows drew nearly 30,000 fans.

When Garth Brooks announced plans to resume touring after a 13-year hiatus, he could have chosen any city in America to make his splashy re-entry. He chose Dublin, and promptly sold 400,000 tickets for five concerts — in a nation with a total population of just over 4 million. When city officials limited him to three shows, he canceled all of them and left politicians accusing each other of denying Irish fans the chance to see the singer that one Belfast newspaper compared to Elvis.

Country allows audiences as far away as China to connect with a slice of life distinctly different from their own.

Ong Zihan, a 23-year-old college graduate in Beijing, began listening to country after watching singer Blake Shelton on "The Voice."

In addition to the music, she's drawn to the songs' messages that "come from a specific cultural background — it's almost exclusively American," she said.

"Pop music sometimes can be brainwashing," she continued. "As I grow more mature, I tend to prefer country music, which I can listen to over and over."

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Ong Zihan  
Chinese country music fan





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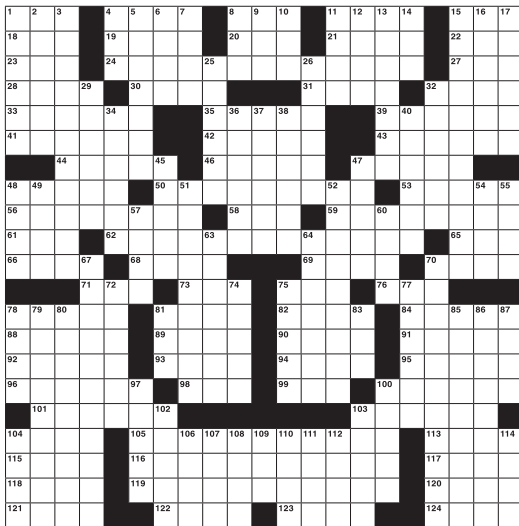
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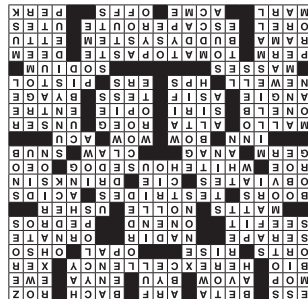
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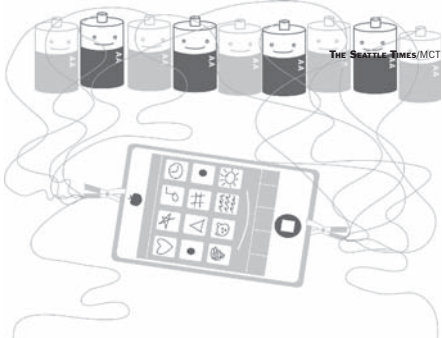
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# GADGETS & CHARTS



## Stay juiced up on the go

By JIM ROSSMAN  
The Dallas Morning News

We've all been in a situation where it's getting late in the day, and you glance at the battery level on your phone and realize your phone's about to die.

So how can you keep the power on? It takes some forethought.

First is to put your phone on the charger when you go to bed.

You always want to walk out of your house in the morning with a 100 percent charge.

I have an iPhone clock radio on my nightstand that has a dock for my phone. The last thing I do before bed is make sure the phone is in the dock.

My car has a phone mount that has a charging cable so I can charge the phone as I drive. I don't need to do this in the morning, but I make it a habit to put the phone in the mount whenever I'm driving, whether I plug in the charger or not. The mount enables me to see maps or glance at who's calling before I answer with my Bluetooth audio system.

So if I have a lunch meeting, I'll plug in to get even a 10 percent to 20 percent boost on the way to lunch.

I keep a phone dock on my desk at work, and I try to keep the phone in the dock when I'm at my desk.

My phone has a charger available 24 hours a day, but I realize

not everyone is like me.

If you regularly run down your phone's battery during the day, there are two items you should buy.

The first is an external battery. I've seen external batteries in all sizes and shapes. Some are as small as a lipstick and some are as large as a paperback book.

They are rechargeable and are charged up with a USB cable or wall plug. The bigger the battery, the more power it will provide. Larger ones can charge your phone four or more times. Smaller ones might just let you get half a charge.

Of course, you'll need the right cable with the battery. I carry the Anker Astro 3 (\$45.99 from Amazon) in my bag. It has a 12,000mAh battery that will charge the average smartphone six times.

The second item you should buy is a battery case for your phone. I realize a battery case is not available for all phones, but companies like Mophie have cases for the most popular Apple, Samsung and HTC phones.

The case has an extra battery that you turn on when your phone needs a charge.

Mophie's Juice Packs run about \$99.95 and can provide about one charge for your phone.

If you can't get a battery case for your phone, buy an external battery and keep it handy. Hopefully, you won't run out of juice again.

## GADGET WATCH

### Portraiture for Video smooths skin

By GREGG ELLMAN  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Portraiture for Video is video editing software that allows video enthusiasts to soften skin and remove blemishes, wrinkles, etc. during video editing.

If this sounds familiar to still photographers, there is a reason. Portraiture has been used in the professional still image industry for years for softening and enhancing skin tones.

Now the company Imagenomic has brought the same award-winning features to the video world.

According to a recent press release, Portraiture for Video is compatible with Adobe After Effects, Adobe Premiere Pro, Apple Final Cut Pro, Sony Vegas Pro and DaVinci Resolve.

Video clips are simply run through the plug-in software, and it automatically removes imperfections in the skin.

The software is ideal for touching up a scar, acne or other skin blemishes and runs on Mac and Windows operating systems.

Online: imagenomic.com/ptvideo. A free 15-day trial is available; the annual subscription rate for the software is \$99.

The ZAGGKeys Universal keyboard functions with most devices, including smartphones, tablets and almost any operating system, as long as both can be paired via Bluetooth technology.

It's designed and built with features allowing it to work with any of those gadgets, making it a truly universal device.

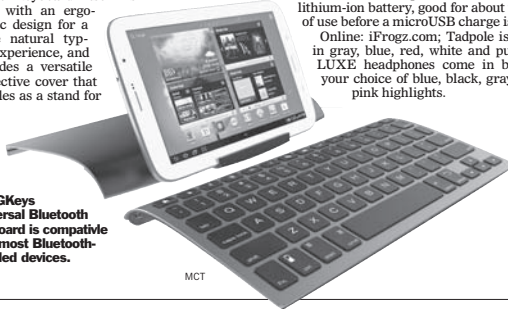
It measures 5.25 inches wide by 9.25 inches long with the cover attached. The curved keyboard is as slim as one-quarter inch, making it ideal for use while sitting on the sofa, working at your desk or tucking it away in your computer bag for travel.

Many mobile operating systems have different systems for shortcuts and hot keys on keyboards. There's a little switch on the back of the ZAGGKeys keyboard to switch between Apple, Android or Windows operating systems.

The keyboard itself is

built with an ergonomic design for a more natural typing experience, and includes a versatile protective cover that doubles as a stand for

**ZAGGKeys Universal Bluetooth keyboard is compatible with most Bluetooth-enabled devices.**



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Imagenomic, an independent software vendor specializing in digital imagery enhancement solutions, has announced that its Portraiture software to soften and enhance skin tones in still photographs is now available for video.

your tablet or smartphone.

Other features include a rechargeable battery, which can be good for up to three months before another charge is needed.

Online: ZAGG.com; \$69.99, available in black, berry/aqua, charcoal/soft pink, lime/charcoal and orange/indigo combinations.

The LUXE stereo headphones and the Tadpole are other cool and cost-friendly products from iFrogz (a ZAGG company). The LUXE headphones don't cost a lot (\$39.99), are comfortable to wear and deliver what I call "consistent sound."

What I mean by that is you're not going to get the great sound associated with \$400 headphones; instead you get good, steady sound with enough bass to keep you happy.

They look good and are built with comfortable padded ear cups over 40 mm driver speakers, an adjustable metallic-looking headband and have an inline mic for hands-free calls.

The Tadpole (\$19.99) is as simple as a Bluetooth speaker can be, measuring just 2.67 x 0.43 x 1.38 inches. It's pocket sized and comes with an attached carabiner clip.

Inside is a 1-watt speaker and a rechargeable lithium-ion battery, good for about two hours of use before a microUSB charge is needed.

Online: iFrogz.com; Tadpole is available in gray, blue, red, white and purple. The LUXE headphones come in black with your choice of blue, black, gray, red and pink highlights.

## ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for Aug. 13:

1. "Best Mistake," Ariana Grande
2. "All About That Boss," Meghan Trainor
3. "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
4. "Break Free," Ariana Grande
5. "Rude," MØ/GI
6. "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
7. "Ratner," Clean Bandit
8. "Burnin' It Down," Jason Aldean
9. "Chandelier," Sia
10. "Problem," Ariana Grande

— Compiled by MCT

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify for Aug. 4-10:

1. "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
2. "Rude," MØ/GI
3. "Fancy," Iggy Azalea
4. "Chandelier," Sia
5. "Am I Wrong," Nico & Vinz
6. "Problem," Ariana Grande
7. "Break Free," Ariana Grande
8. "All About That Boss," Meghan Trainor
9. "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
10. "Maps," Maroon 5

— Compiled by The Associated Press

## ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Aug. 13:

1. "Neighbors"
2. "Divergent"
3. "Dead Poets Society"
4. "The Other Woman"
5. "Mrs. Doubtfire"
6. "Good Morning, Vietnam"
7. "Blended"
8. "The Amazing Spider-Man 2"
9. "Muppets Most Wanted"
10. "Noah"



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## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the Top 10 PlayStation 3 games for August:

1. "Dark Souls II: Crown of the Sunken King"
2. "Ultra Street Fighter IV"
3. "Wolfenstein: The New Order"
4. "Minercraft: PlayStation 3 Edition"
5. "The Walking Dead Season 3 Episode 4 — Amid the Ruins"
6. "Watch Dogs"
7. "Another World: 20th Anniversary Edition"
8. "Grid Autosport"
9. "Sacred 3"
10. "The Wolf Among Us Season 1 Episode 5 — Cry Wolf"

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## APPS

Top 5 new free apps for Aug. 13:

ANDROID

1. Rock Hero
2. Crazy Taxi: City Rush
3. Family Feud 2
4. Ice Age Adventures
5. Toilet & Bathroom Rush

Top 5 free apps for Aug. 13:

APPLE

1. Facebook
2. Snake! Snake! Snake!
3. Run Forrest Run
4. Walmart App
5. Free Music

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## APPRECIATION



Robin Williams 1951-2014

## A freewheeling performer who never seemed to age

By MARY McNAMARA  
Los Angeles Times

One of the drawbacks of a life captured on film is the irrefutable evidence of time passing. The camera can hide many things, but not the fact that people, even famous people, grow old. Right before our eyes.

With the possible exception of Robin Williams.

Even as his hairline retreated and the wrinkles appeared, Williams, who burst into the collective consciousness at 27 as the irrepressible rainbow-suspended alien in "Mork and Mindy," never seemed to age.

He exuded a manic energy that, if anything, seemed even more youthful as the years passed. His eyes sparked with ideas that you could all but see streaking past like a thousand bright blue fish. His comedic signature was the free-form, free-wheeling monologue, a frothy torrent of words and voices and sound that poured out of him in no apparent order, save his own essential, mysterious understanding of comedy.

Even when he wasn't speaking, his mouth turned down in a perpetual twitch of one more thing, a thought unsaid, or about to be said, or too rash to be said.

I could now tell you the story of a time we met, which was funny and sad and now seems strangely meaningful, as these things often do in the wake of such a tragedy. But the fact that I spent some time with the actual Robin Williams doesn't matter because even though I know he was simply a man, with talent and troubles like the rest of us, that is not what he was to me, or millions of other people.

He was more than a star. He was a

fixed point in the universe.

No matter how many times we are reminded of the relentlessly democratic nature of mortality, there are people who seem exempt. For those of us who came of age with "Mork and Mindy," who spent our lives watching the zany sitcom star shift to successful stand-up comedian, then to serious film star and back again to TV, Robin Williams was one of them.

His brain defied gravity, his face was made of rubber, the laughter he inspired surely must echo far into deep space and his death at 63 seems almost impossible.

We knew that he, like so many of his colleagues, battled drugs and alcohol and had a somewhat scandalous love life. Yet there he was, year after year, reinventing himself, resurrecting himself, finding some other way to channel what must have been an exhausting if inexhaustible will to perform.

He gave voice to a Vietnam, a drag-queen nanny and a blue genie; he brought board games and penguins and Teddy Roosevelt to life. He was nominated for an Oscar for "Good Morning, Vietnam" and "Dead Poets Society" before winning with "Good Will Hunting."

It's hard to think of another actor who has moved so fluidly through so many genres, whose roles remain so disparate, so desperate, so high-percentage iconic.

Indeed, his many one-man shows, live and on television, were almost redundant — whenever Williams performed, he was a one-man show, the physical embodiment of drama's weeping and laughing masks, proof positive that puer aeternus was neither a myth nor necessarily a pejorative.

He traded on it, sure, the boy who wouldn't, or couldn't, grow up. He played Peter Pan, literally in "Hook" and figuratively in many roles, including "Mrs. Doubtfire," "The Birdcage" and, most recently, the brilliant ad man of "The Crazy Ones." But it was real, that effervescence, and child-like in that it seemed based more on hope than experience, tinged with pain as hope so often is.

Indeed, his work in "The Crazy Ones" felt at times almost uncomfortably autobiographical. In the David E. Kelley sitcom, Williams played Simon Roberts, a post-middle-aged ad whiz who, after finally getting sober, has taken his co-dependent caregiver of a daughter (played by Sarah Michelle Gellar) on as a business partner.

Though leaning hard on the manic angle, Williams brought such genuine fear to Simon's desire to see if he still has it, such palpable conflict to his mix of regret over and nostalgia for the bad old days, that the show suffered from an identity crisis. People looking for one version of Williams or the other got instead something caroming between all of them. Something so real it seemed out of place.

Stars fall and fade, collapse or burn out. But sometimes they just vanish, impossibly, for no good reason, and the universe crows in on itself wondering how something that blazed so bright could suddenly just be gone.

Robin Williams was 63 when he died, but we will never have a chance to see him grow old. Because he never did.

**"Good Morning, Vietnam" (1987):** Having first made his name on the TV series "Mork & Mindy," Williams transitioned to big-screen comedies in the '80s and scored a hit with this Vietnam War tale directed by Barry Levinson. Williams put his irreverent, motormouthed humor to good use as an Air Force DJ who is sent to Saigon, where he quickly irritates his staid superiors and wins over rank and file soldiers. Williams won a Golden Globe for lead actor in a comedy/musical and earned an Academy Award nomination for best actor.

**"Dead Poets Society" (1989):** Shifting gears from comedy, Williams showed his dramatic chops in Peter Weir's coming-of-age tale about an unorthodox English teacher (Williams) who inspires his students at an elite prep school by teaching them poetry and encouraging them to seize the day. Numerous critics praised Williams' performance, which garnered him another

## 7 of his most memorable movie roles



Williams as Air Force disc jockey Adrian Cronauer in the 1987 film "Good Morning, Vietnam."

TOUCHSTONE PICTURES/AP

Oscar nomination.

**"Hook" (1991):** For a generation of moviegoers, Williams will no doubt be remembered as a fixture of their favorite family movies. Steven Spielberg's fantasy adventure "Hook" was one such film, in which Williams played a grown-up version of Peter Pan who has forgotten his magical past. The big-name, big-budget production (Dustin Hoffman and Julia Roberts also starred in the \$70-million movie) ran well past its shooting schedule and was marked by personality clashes and "hook" opened to poor reviews. Even so, it was a commercial success (to the tune of \$300 million worldwide) and has developed a cult following over the years.

**"Aladdin" (1992):** Disney's animated musical based on the "Arabian Nights" folk tale was a critical and commercial hit, earning stellar reviews and grossing more than \$217 million domestically

(and more than \$500 million worldwide), making it the highest-grossing movie of the year. Critics lauded Williams' freewheeling, wisecracking performance as Genie, which was both broad enough to crack up kids and clever enough to give adults something to laugh about. Williams received a special achievement award at the Golden Globes for "a most unusual and outstanding performance which did not fit into any of the categories." "Aladdin" was also notable for putting a bona fide screen star in a voice-acting role, which soon became the norm in Hollywood animated movies.

**"Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993):** Another classic family comedy, "Mrs. Doubtfire" found Williams donning an old-lady getup as Daniel Hillard, a struggling actor and divorced dad who impersonates a kindly British nanny to spend time with his kids. With an Oscar-winning makeup job, Williams disappeared into the title role and helped power the film to \$219 million at the domestic box office, behind only "Jurassic Park" that year. "Doubtfire" remains a beloved movie today, and a sequel was in the works before Williams' death.

"Good Will Hunting" (1997): Once

again reining in his outsize comedic persona, Williams appeared opposite Matt Damon in this Gus Van Sant-directed drama about an MIT janitor (Damon) who is actually a troubled self-taught genius. Williams' performance as a tough-but-tender therapist who helps the young man open up won the actor his first and only Oscar. Williams, an expert at improvisation, also ad-libbed some scenes, including the last line of the movie.

**"Insomnia" (2002):** After years of taking on jovial and avuncular characters, Williams played against type to chilling effect in the Christopher Nolan psychological thriller "Insomnia" (as well as in Danny DeVito's "Death to Smoochy" and Mark Romanek's "One Hour Photo," released the same year). In the snow-bound suspense tale, Williams starred as a crime novelist with a dark secret who's hunted by Al Pacino's unrelenting detective. In a review for *The Times*, Kenneth Turan said "Insomnia" was represented "perhaps the most compelling of (Williams') non-comic performances, noticeable for the way the character's unflappable calmness leads to greater and greater complexity."

—Oliver Gettel/Los Angeles Times

# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

## Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stars reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at [stripes.com](http://stripes.com) or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

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and Editors Awards –  
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Recipient: Laura Rauch

2013 Best American Newspaper  
Narrative Writing Contest –  
Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Martin Kuz:  
"Soldiers Recount Attack"

2013 National Headline Awards –  
Second Place: News Series  
(Forever After: A Warrior Wounded;  
A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign –  
Honorable Mention  
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year –  
Honorable Mention  
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award –  
Breaking News Photography  
(Newspaper Circulation 100,001+  
or Affiliated Website/National  
Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch:  
"For those I love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary  
Award for Excellence in Journalism –  
Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headliner Awards –  
First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) –  
Third Place: News Series  
(Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism –  
George Polk Award for Military Reporting  
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III  
and Kevin Barton

2009 min Editorial & Design Awards –  
Editorial Print /  
Special Supplement: HEROES 2009;  
Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage ( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano;  
Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery  
Photography: Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipients: Steve Lewis  
Photography: Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in  
Journalism Award –  
Ground Truth Series

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation  
National Journalism Award –  
First Amendment, Finalist





**Pure Michigan 400 lineup**

**AFTER Friday's race at Michigan International Speedway**  
**Brooklyn, Mich.**  
**Car number in parentheses**  
 1. (6) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 205,558 mph  
 2. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 206,381  
 3. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 206,116  
 4. (1) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 204,621  
 5. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 205,644  
 6. (14) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 205,438  
 7. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 204,538  
 8. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 204,420  
 9. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 204,354  
 10. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 204,325  
 11. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 203,822  
 12. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 203,477  
 13. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 203,440  
 14. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 203,414  
 15. (5) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 203,366  
 16. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 203,346  
 17. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 203,528  
 18. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 203,384  
 19. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 203,223  
 20. (34) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 203,129  
 21. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 202,929  
 22. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 202,743  
 23. (4) Aric Almirola, Ford, 202,674  
 24. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 201,969  
 25. (34) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 201,969  
 26. (33) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 202,885  
 27. (41) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 202,458  
 28. (31) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 202,327  
 29. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 201,822  
 30. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Ford, 201,821  
 31. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 201,263  
 32. (42) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 200,496  
 33. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 199,756  
 34. (34) Mike Edwards Jr., Chevrolet, 199,756  
 35. (7) Michael Annett, Toyota, 199,756  
 36. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 199,132  
 37. (37) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, owner points  
 38. (32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, owner points  
 39. (78) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, owner points  
 40. (78) Fred Sorenson, Chevrolet, owner points  
 41. (33) Alex Nemec, Chevrolet, owner points  
 42. (7) Joe Nemecek, Toyota, owner points  
 43. (40) Daniel Cassill, Chevrolet, owner points

**Tennis**

**Western & Southern Open**  
**A U.S. Open Series event**  
**At The Lindero Family Tennis Center**  
**Mason, Ohio**  
**Purse: Men \$2,500,000 (Masters)**  
**Women: \$2,571 million (Premier)**  
**Singles**  
**Men**  
**Quarterfinals**  
 Milos Raonic (S), France, def. Stan Wawrinka (S), Switzerland, 6-1, 6-2  
 Milos Raonic (S), Canada, def. Fabio Fognini (I), Italy, 6-3, 6-4  
 David Ferrer (F), Spain, def. Tommy Haas (G), Germany, 6-3, 6-4  
 Roger Federer (T), Switzerland, def. Andy Murray (B), Britain, 6-3, 7-5  
**Quarterfinals**  
 Serena Williams (U), United States, def. Jelena Jankovic (C), Serbia, 5-1, 6-3  
 Victoria Azarenka (L), Belarus, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (A), Poland, 6-4, 7-5  
 Maria Sharapova (S), Russia, def. Siomona Halep (T), Romania, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4  
 Caroline Wozniacki (D), Denmark, def. Simona Halep (T), Romania, 6-2, 6-3  
**Doubles**  
**Men**  
**Quarterfinals**  
 Vasek Pospisil (C), Canada, and Jack Sock (U), United States, def. Alexander Peya (A), Austria, and Jan-Lennard Struff (G), Germany, 5-7, 10-7, 10-7  
 Nicolas Pietrangeli (F), France, and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (B), Belgium, def. Daniel Nestor (C), Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (C), Serbia, 6-3, 6-4  
 Steve Johnson (S), United States, and Brian Matkowski (P), Poland, 7-6 (7), 14-6, 10-7  
 Bryan Martin (U), United States, and John Peers (A), United States, def. Jean-Julien Roquet (F), France, and Florin Mergea (R), Romania, 7-5 (6), 6-7 (10), 10-7  
**Quarterfinals**  
 Kimiko Date-Krumm (J), Japan, and Andrea Hlavackova (C), Czech Republic, def. Muguruza and Carles Suarez-Narvaez (S), Spain, 7-5, 6-3  
 Raquel Kopsch-Jones and Abigail Spear (U), United States, def. Olga Savchenko (U), Ukraine, and Julia Lizarova (C), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4  
 Alla Kudryavtseva (R), Russia, and Anastasia Rodionova (O), Australia, def. Anna Karolincikova (S), Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4  
 Olga Savchenko (U), Ukraine, and Alla Kudryavtseva (R), Russia, def. Olga Savchenko (U), Ukraine, and Alla Kudryavtseva (R), Russia, 6-2, 6-1

**Friday's transactions**

**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE** — Suspended free agent RHP Francisco Almonte 7½ days for violating Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program rules by testing positive for a major league organization.

**National League**

**BOSTON RED SOX** — Agreed to terms with LHP Luis Coleman, 38 Elwin Fluke, 38 Clayton Kershaw, 38 Phillippe Clemente, 38 Joshmoe Cortez, 38 Anderson Espinoza, 38 Juan Encarnacion, 38 Jose Reyes, 38 and minor league contracts.

**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Sent 1st baseman Mike Bourn from the 15-day DL.

**MIAMI MARLINERS** — Sent 1st baseman Houston Astros to Buffalo for rehab assignment.

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Sent Mike Morin to Inland Empire (Cal) for rehab assignment.

**MINNESOTA TWINS** — Options RHP Yohan Pino to Rochester (IL), Reinstated RHP Yohan Pino to Rochester (IL).

**TEXAS RANGERS** — Options LHP Robby Scott to Texas (TX). Selected out of contract of RHP Jon Edwards from Round Rock.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**BUFFALO BRUIERS** — Assigned LHP Brad Mills outright to Buffalo (AL). Options RHP Tim Lincecum to Buffalo. Reinstated 1B Edwin Encarnacion from the 15-day DL.

**National League**

**CINCINNATI REDS** — Sent RHP Logan Ondrusek to Louisville (Ky) for rehab assignment.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Signed to terms with RHP Jon Huizinga on a minor league contract.

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Designated 1B Matt Hague for assignment. Sent RHP Matt Hague to Lehigh Valley (PA) for rehab assignment.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

**SACRAMENTO KINGS** — Signed C Signe Bhush to a one-year contract.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

**NFL** — Suspended Kansas City Chiefs' tight end one game for blocking during the league's substance-abuse policy.

**CHICAGO BEARS** — Placed TE Zach Miller on injured reserve. Signed TE Hughes to a one-year contract.

**ATLANTA BRAVES** — Traded DJ Justin Green to Dallas for DT Ben Bass and an undisclosed draft pick to Green.

**DETROIT TIGERS** — Selected out of contract of RHP Jon Edwards from Round Rock.

**National Hockey League**

**ANAHIMCA CANUCKS** — Signed F Jakub Slafkovsky to a one-year contract.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE** — Promoted John Gibson to director of championships and Tallahassee to assistant director of compliance.

**ALABAMA** — Named Jon Howell men's assistant golf coach.

**DELAWARE** — Named Jason Cicchovich assistant athletic director for basketball operations.

**INDIANA PACERS** — Named Cole Tallman men's volleyball coach.

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE** — Named James Brown men's assistant baseball coach.

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE** — Named Jordan Deppie men's assistant baseball coach and Danielle Vaughan assistant softball coach.

**ROWAN** — Announced athletic director's soccer coach Dan Gilmore promoted to head coach. Promoted men's assistant soccer coach Scott Backus to head coach.

**SHENANDOAH** — Announced the resignation of men's assistant basketball coach.

**SUSQUEHANNA** — Named Cat Clifford assistant softball coach.

**For basketball**

**WNBA**

	W	L	Pct	GB
a-Z Atlanta	17	16	.516	-
w-Washington	16	17	.485	3
x-Chicago	15	17	.469	3.5
y-New York	15	17	.469	3.5
z-Phoenix	15	17	.469	3.5

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	17	5	.844	-
y-Minnesota	14	8	.727	3.5
z-San Antonio	15	7	.682	2
San Antonio	15	7	.682	2
Tulsa	12	21	.364	15.5

x-clinched playoff spot  
 z-clinched conference title

**Indiana University Hoosiers**

**Friday's games**

Washington 77, Colgate 67  
 Atlanta 92, Tulsa 76  
 Virginia Tech 76, Minnesota 76  
 Los Angeles 77, Seattle 65

**Saturday's games**

New York at Washington  
 Chicago at Phoenix  
 Los Angeles at Phoenix  
 Atlanta at San Diego  
 San Antonio at Chicago  
 Indiana at New Orleans  
 Phoenix at Seattle

## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Gordon sets qualifying mark at Michigan

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — The numbers kept climbing — and this time the rise was anything but gradual.

Jeff Gordon set the track qualifying record at Michigan International Speedway on Friday with a speed of 206.558 mph, winning his 76th career pole in NASCAR's Sprint Cup series. Gordon broke the previous mark of 204.557 by a remarkable margin — and that record was set just two months ago by Kevin Harvick.

Speeds at MIS have been climbing ever since the two-mile oval was repaved before the 2012 season. When Marcos Ambrose reached 203.241 that year, it was the first time anyone won a pole at over 200 mph since Bill Elliott did it in 1987, before horsepower-sapping restrictor plates were introduced at Talladega and Daytona. Joey Logano broke Ambrose's record last August, only for Harvick and Gordon to keep pushing it higher.

"I don't know where to start," Gordon said. "You can point at the repaving of the racetrack. This track is smooth — has a tremendous amount of surface area where the tire can get a lot of grip to it. The next thing is the cars."

Gordon's run Friday was the seventh-fastest pole-winning speed in the history of NASCAR's top series.

NASCAR overhauled its qualifying process before this season, switching to a knockout format similar to Formula One and IndyCar. NASCAR now uses three rounds of qualifying at tracks 1½ miles in length or larger. The entire field has 25 minutes to post their fastest single lap and the top 24 advance to the second round.

The second segment lasts 10 minutes, and the fastest 12 advance to a final, 5-minute round.

There have been 17 qualifying records set this season, so this is not simply an MIS phenomenon.

In other racing news:

■ Ryan Truex was taken to

a hospital Saturday after he crashed his car during practice for the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Michigan International Speedway.

Truex walked to the ambulance following the crash. He hit the wall head-on while exiting a turn, and the front of his car was severely damaged.

A team spokesperson said the 22-year-old Truex was examined at the track's infield care center and transported to the hospital. His status for Sunday's race has not been determined.

Truex qualified 31st on Friday.

## Slocum, Langley share lead at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Heath Slocum needs a strong finish at the Wyndham Championship to earn a spot in the PGA Tour's postseason.

Scott Langley might not be on the playoff bubble — but he sure knows how his friend is feeling.

Slocum and Langley each shot 5-under 65 for the second straight day Friday to share the lead at 10-under 130.

Brian Stuard, Nick Watney, Martin Laird and Andrew Svoboda were a stroke back. Watney and Svoboda shot 64, Stuard had a 65 and Laird a 66.

Ryo Ishikawa had the best round of the day — a 62 that was one stroke off the course record and included six birdies on the back nine.

Since the tournament returned to Sedgefield Country Club in 2008, every two-day leader until now had been at 11 under or better.

In other golf news:

■ Brittany Lincicome opened a three-stroke lead Friday in the wind-swept LPGA Championship, the tour's fourth major championship of the season.

The long-hitting Lincicome followed her opening 67 with a 68 to reach 9 under at Monroe Golf Club in Pittsford, N.Y. She



BOB BRODEBECK/AP

Jeff Gordon celebrates winning the pole position Friday for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. The race is Sunday.

won the 2009 Kraft Nabisco for her lone major title and has five LPGA Tour victories.

Lexi Thompson, tied for the first-round lead with Meena Lee, dropped into a tie for second with defending champion Inbee Park of South Korea. Thompson had a 72, and Park shot 66.

■ John Cook birdied the final two holes for a 7-under 65 and a share of the first-round lead with Olin Browne on Friday in the Champions Tour's Dick's Sporting Goods Open.

The 56-year-old Cook had eight birdies and a bogey on the En-Joe course in Endicott, N.Y. He won the last of his nine titles on the 50-and-over tour last year in the season-opening event in

Hawaii.

The 55-year-old Browne birdied five of the last seven holes in a bogey-free round. He won the 2011 U.S. Senior Open for his lone Champions Tour victory.

Defending champion Bart Bryant was a stroke back along with Steve Lowery and David Frost. Bernhard Langer, the tour leader with four victories this year, topped the group at 67.

## WNBA players Griner, Johnson engaged

PHOENIX — Phoenix Mercury center Brittney Griner has proposed to the Tulsa Shock's Glory Johnson and posted it on social media.

Griner showed a photo of her on one knee with a ring in her hand in front of Johnson on her Instagram account.

In the post, Griner wrote: "Last Night was a Night to Remember(,) I became the happiest person on this earth! (almost) pass out but when that one word came out I came back to life! Me and my baby @missvol25 are in it for Life!"

Johnson also had a photo on her Instagram account of Griner lying in bed with an engagement ring resting on her shoulder.

Griner has embraced her role as a prominent gay athlete since finishing a record-breaking career at Baylor.

Johnson played at Tennessee.

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# AUTO RACING/LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

## IndyCar, NASCAR update rules after tragic accident

The Associated Press

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — The collision involving NASCAR star Tony Stewart that killed a driver during a sprint car race in New York prompted a review of safety protocols by the IndyCar racing series.

The guidelines instruct IndyCar drivers to stay in their vehicles after a track incident and follow safety guidelines until a safety team arrives, so long as there is no fire or other extenuating circumstance, an IndyCar spokesman said.

NASCAR on Friday added a rule barring its drivers from approaching the track or moving cars after accidents, less than a week after the driver Kevin Ward Jr. was killed after getting hit by Stewart's car.

NASCAR Vice President Robin Pemberton says the new rule merely formalizes reminders that take place during drivers' meetings. NASCAR will address violations of the rule on a case-by-case basis.

"IndyCar's safety guidelines and post-incident protocol are very reflective of what NASCAR put out today," IndyCar spokesman Mike Kitchel said Friday.

Car owner Michael Andretti called what happened in New York a "very, very disappointing accident." Andretti Autosport operates the Milwaukee race.

"Our sport is dangerous, but when a stupid accident like that happens, it's unfortunate because I think you can accept the danger of driving fast and something happening, and you crash and some-

thing happens," said Andretti, who wasn't aware of NASCAR's new rule.

"It is probably very positive that they are doing some things like that. I think, when you get out of the car, your emotions, your adrenaline (are) going a million miles per hour," he added. "Sometimes you do things without even realizing what you're doing. It might not be a bad idea."

The impact of what happened on the dirt track affects all motor sports, said driver Charlie Kimball. He expressed sympathy for the Ward family.

"I think there's the opportunity to learn from it," Kimball said this week. "Racing is just a close-knit family. It hurts everybody."

After a week off, the IndyCar series resumes its schedule Sunday at the Milwaukee Mile. Qualifying is scheduled for Saturday evening. Will Power holds a four-point edge over teammate Helio Castroneves on the driver leaderboard.

It is the first of the three final races of the season, and the first IndyCar race since Ward was killed. Kitchel said IndyCar extended its deepest sympathies to the family of Ward, whose funeral was Thursday.

"If you're in motor sports, we've been all been through this and unfortunately we've all been through it multiple times," he said.

He called safety an evolutionary process in racing, whether it affects fans, drivers, crews or spectators. "It doesn't matter the series," Kitchel said. "We're always looking to ensure safety of



STEVE HELLEN/AP

In this Oct. 3, 1999, file photo, Tony Stewart throws a piece of equipment in the direction of the car of Kenny Irwin after leaving his wrecked car (20) in turn one of the Martinsville Speedway during the NAPA AutoCare 500 in Martinsville, Va. NASCAR added a rule on Friday ordering drivers to not approach the track or moving cars after accidents. IndyCar followed suit, updating their own safety guidelines and post-incident protocols to instruct IndyCar drivers to stay in their vehicles after a track incident and follow safety guidelines until a safety team arrives, so long as there is no fire or other extenuating circumstance



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Pennsylvania's Mo'ne Davis delivers in the fifth inning against Tennessee during a game in United States pool play at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., on Friday. Pennsylvania won 4-0 with Davis pitching a complete-game, two-hit shutout.

### Roundup

## Davis leads Philly to win 13-year old girl strikes out eight in 4-0 shutout

The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — More than six decades after Kathryn "Tubby" Johnston Massar cut off her braids, tucked her hair under her cap and became the first girl to play Little League baseball, she's delighted to see two girls in the Little League World Series.

"It's truly amazing. I'm very happy to see girls playing," said Massar, 78, of Yuba City, California.

Philadelphia's Mo'ne Davis and Canada's Emma March became the 17th and 18th girls to play in the tournament Friday. It is only the third time in the event's 68-year history that two girls are playing in the same series.

Davis threw a two-hitter to help Philadelphia beat Nashville 4-0. She had eight strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

Davis, who received a noticeably louder reception than any other player during introductions, said she noticed plenty of girls younger than her in the audience. The applause heightened significantly when Davis struck out the final batter, becoming the first girl to throw a shutout in Little League World Series history.

"I was very unreal. I never thought at the age of 13 I would be a role model," Davis said. "Hopefully, more girls play Little League."

March did not fare as well. Batting cleanup ahead of her brother — Evan — and playing first base, she went hitless Friday in Canada's 4-3 loss to Mexico.

But March created some excitement when she stepped into the batter's box for the Vancouver, British Columbia, team.

She drove a long fly ball to right field in the fourth inning that the crowd thought might be a home run. However, the hit sailed foul into the stands. Then in the top of the fifth, March stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and Canada down by two runs. After working the count to 2-2, she struck out looking on a pitch that caught the outside corner.

As March trotted back to the dugout, the crowd



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Emma March, pictured, of the South Vancouver Little League team from Vancouver, British Columbia, rides in the Little League Grand Slam Parade as it makes its way through downtown Williamsport, Pa. March is one of two girls playing in this year's Little League World Series.

let the umpire know his opinion of the call as boos reigned down from the stands.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett was in South Williamsport on Friday and watched Davis' dominating performance.

"There's a lot of pressure on her, and she seems to be handling it very, very well for her age," Corbett said during the Philadelphia game, adding that the 13-year-old has a nice delivery. "She's played as well as any kid out there right now."

Davis retired the first six batters and needed only 70 pitches. She was hitless in three at-bats.

Jared Sprague-Lott hit a three-run home run in the first inning, and Carter Davis had an RBI sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Also Friday in U.S. play, Pearland, Texas, beat Cumberland, R.I., 6-4. In the other international game, Japan beat Venezuela 1-0.





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## MLB

## AL roundup

# Surging Seattle rolls past Detroit

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — Robinson Cano homered, James Paxton won his sixth consecutive decision to start his career and the surging Seattle Mariners beat the Detroit Tigers 7-2 Friday night in a matchup of American League playoff contenders.

Paxton (3-0) pitched six innings, allowing one run and five hits, to help Seattle win its fifth straight and ninth in 11 games. Cano and Logan Morrison each scored twice for the Mariners, who jumped a half-game ahead of Detroit in the race for the second AL wild card.

The Tigers began the day a half-game behind first-place Kansas City in the AL Central.

**Rays 5, Yankees 0:** At St. Petersburg, Fla., Alex Cobb pitched neatly into the eighth inning and Tampa Bay beat New York to become the fourth team in major league history to reach .500 after falling 18 games under in the same season.

The Rays won their third in a row and sent the Yankees to their fifth straight loss.

**Indians 2, Orioles 1 (11):** Mike Aviles homered leading off the 11th inning to give host Cleveland a win over Baltimore.

Aviles connected on a 1-2 pitch from Brian Matusz (2-3), driving it onto the home run porch in left field for Cleveland's second run in the past 22-plus innings. The Indians, who have won four of five, were shut out 1-0 by Arizona in 12 innings Wednesday night.

**Astros 5, Red Sox 3 (10):** Jake Marisnick hit a two-run double with two outs in the 10th inning and visiting Houston rallied past Boston for its first win in nine games at Fenway Park.

With their 31st win of the season, the Astros matched last year's total.

**Angels 5, Rangers 4:** Kole Calhoun had a three-run homer among his three hits and Garrett Richards worked into the eighth inning for his 13th victory as visiting Los Angeles held on to beat Texas.

Richards (13-4), who struck out seven without a walk in 7½ innings, has won all four of his starts this season against the Rangers. The right-hander allowed two runs while scattering seven hits.

**Royals 6, Twins 5:** Josh Willingham returned to Target Field and hit a bases-clearing double in visiting Kansas City's five-run fourth inning, and the surging Royals hung on to beat Minnesota.

Danny Duffy (8-10) allowed three runs in 5½ innings to win his third straight start. Kansas City, which has won 11 of 12 and 19 of 23, leads the AL Central by 1½ games over Detroit.

**White Sox 11, Blue Jays 5:** Jose Abreu had three singles and three RBIs to increase his major league-leading total to 89, and host Chicago had 17 hits in a victory over Toronto.

Adam Dunn, who also had three hits, and Dayan Viciedo each drove in two runs. Seven White Sox starters had at least two hits and only one, Tyler Flowers, went hitless as Chicago had 14 singles and three doubles.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Washington's Bryce Harper reacts after hitting a foul ball off his foot during the first inning of Friday's game against Pittsburgh at Nationals Park in Washington. Harper finished the at-bat with a two-run single and the Nationals won 5-4.

## NL roundup

# Nationals win 4th straight

## Harper, LaRoche pave way as NL East leaders sink Pirates

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Washington Nationals first baseman Adam LaRoche was speaking after Friday night's game when his phone rang, the music from "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" interrupting the interview session.

Timely, too. Because lately at the plate, LaRoche has gone from very bad to very good.

LaRoche and Bryce Harper each had two hits and drove in two runs, leading the Nationals over the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4 for their fourth straight win.

After hitting .159 in July, LaRoche is 17-for-51 (.333) this month, with four homers and nine RBIs.

"I hit those two balls tonight, hit them good, but found the right spot," he said. "I feel two to three weeks ago those were right at somebody, potential double-play balls."

The left-handed hitting LaRoche said he's been working on hitting the ball to the shortstop side.

"That's in BP, that's in the cage. When the game starts, wherever it goes, it goes," he said. "I was getting in a little bit of a bad habit, pulling off some pitches, especially some pitches away."

Friday night, LaRoche's hits went up the middle and into left field.

"He's staying on the ball better," manager Matt Williams said.

Denard Span added three hits as the NL-East leading Nationals opened a 10-game homestand.

**Brewers 6, Dodgers 3:** Pinch-hitter Lyle Overbay drove in three runs with a two-out double in the eighth inning, rallying visiting Milwaukee past Los Angeles in a game between division leaders.

The NL Central-leading Brewers scored all their runs in the eighth off Jamey Wright (4-3).

**Diamondbacks 3, Marlins 2:** Aaron Hill and Cliff Pennington homered in the first inning and visiting Arizona held on to beat Miami.

Trevor Cahill (3-8) pitched 6½ innings, allowing two runs and six hits for the Diamondbacks. Addison Reed worked the ninth for his 29th save in 34 chances.

**Cardinals 4, Padres 2:** Lance Lynn pitched six strong innings and host St. Louis defeated San Diego for its third straight win.

Matt Adams, Kolten Wong and Oscar Taveras hit RBI singles for the Cardinals. San Diego has lost two in a row after a five-game winning streak.

**Mets 3, Cubs 2:** Zack Wheeler struck out 10 in a gritty performance, Eric Campbell hit a three-run homer and host New York beat free-swinging Chicago.

Wheeler (8-8) threw a career-high 120 pitches over 6½ innings, allowing two runs and four hits. He walked four and hit a batter but overpowered the Cubs in improving to 5-0 in his last nine starts.

**Reds 3, Rockies 2:** Johnny Cueto threw eight stellar innings to become the first 15-game winner in the majors and Kris Negron had a career-high four hits, including a tiebreaking single in the ninth, as visiting Cincinnati beat Colorado.

Cueto (15-6) allowed two runs and six hits to help the Reds snap a three-game skid. He is 7-0 since a loss at San Diego on July 2.

**Phillies 5, Giants 3 (10):** Chase Utley was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the top of the 10th inning to help visiting Philadelphia beat San Francisco.

Ryan Howard followed with a sacrifice fly against Javier Lopez, and the Phillies snapped a three-game losing streak.

### Interleague

**Braves 7, Athletics 2:** Freddie Freeman hit a three-run homer, one of four long balls by host Atlanta in the opener of an interleague series against Oakland.

Justin Upton and Evan Gattis homered off Jason Hammel (1-5) in the second inning. Rookie Phil Gosselin hit a two-run shot, the first homer of his career, off Jesse Chavez in the sixth.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



JOE RAYMOND/AP

The Rev. John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president, left, talks on Friday about the academic scandal being investigated that involves several students, including four members of the football team who are being held out of practice. At right is Notre Dame Vice President/Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick.

# Trouble in South Bend

## Fighting Irish facing academic misconduct issues for second consecutive season

By TOM COYNE  
The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame barred four football players from practice and games Friday, announcing an investigation into "suspected academic dishonesty" after allegations surfaced that someone had done course work for them.

The group includes KeiVarae Russell, the team's best cornerback, leading returning receiver DaVaris Daniels, and defensive end Ishaq Williams, expected to be a key contributor on the line.

Backup linebacker Kendall Moore is also being held out of practice during the investigation.

The Fighting Irish are now facing the possibility that a second straight season could be affected by academic misconduct issues.

Last year, quarterback Everett Golson missed the season after being suspended from school for what he called poor academic judgment. The Irish finished 9-4 behind Tommy Rees, but coming off an appearance in the BCS title game in 2012 it was a step back.

Golson has returned, but now coach Brian Kelly could be scrambling to fill holes before opening his fifth season in South Bend at home against Rice on Aug. 30.

Athletic director Jack Swarbrick said Kelly was "devastated" by the news.

The Rev. John Jenkins, the university president, and Swarbrick expressed support for Kelly.

"We have great confidence in Brian and his staff," Jenkins said. "They have been nothing but supportive."

Jenkins said Notre Dame has notified the NCAA about the inquiry. Because of potential violations, the four players can't compete until the conclusion of the investigation and the university honor code process.

Jenkins said during a news conference that no student has been judged responsible for "academic dishonesty."

"Nobody has been dismissed," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said there is no timetable about how long the investigation will take.

"We will take as long as it takes to have a thorough and fair investigation and proceed through our academic honor code process."

He said such investigations at Notre Dame aren't common "but it happens."

The university also is investigating if other students also are involved. Jenkins said it was too early to say if the four players acted together.

Jenkins said if it is found they violated the school's honor code the penalties could range from an F on an assignment to an F in the course to dismissal from school. The penalty would be decided by an honor committee.

# Strong: New Texas coach confident he can return Longhorns to glory

## FROM BACK PAGE

Some are typed on pages still crisp. Others are handwritten on floppy and withered paper. They have followed Strong to every job he's ever had, including Texas.

"His attention to detail was unmatched," said Gary Darnell, who coached with Strong at Florida in 1988-89. "He loves gathering information. He was either going to be a college professor or a coach."

And it likely explains why Strong comes off as so confident to face the mission in front of him: returning Texas to the top of the Big 12.

"It isn't a monster," Strong said of Texas, despite the fact that his office view of the stadium is partly blocked by a video board so big its nickname is Godzillatron. "It's a program with all the resources you need."

Strong will need every bit of that confidence — and those resources — as he begins his tenure. Strong, the first black head coach of a men's sport at Texas, was hired to replace Mack Brown, who in 2005 delivered the Longhorns' first national championship in 36 years and led them to another national title game after the 2009 season. But the run ended there. Since 2010, Texas hasn't won more than nine games in a season.

Texas offensive coordinator Joe Wickline, who was with Strong as a graduate assistant at Florida, describes him as "insanely organized."

"He's always been like that," Wickline said. "He made notes

of drops, missed assignments. Charted everything."

But it was more than routine stuff. By documenting the details, Strong was soaking up years of valuable teaching from national championship-winning coaches like Lou Holtz, Steve Spurrier and Urban Meyer.

Spurrier taught him how to build team confidence, not just for a game, but a swashbuckling program-wide swagger.

"(Spurrier) built a confidence in a team where you knew you weren't going to lose a game. It didn't matter who we played, he made that team feel it's time to go out on a show," Strong said. "They came here to watch US play ... No matter where we went, Alabama or Auburn, it didn't matter. That's the confidence you have to build in a program."

Holtz taught him about attention to detail. Not just within a game or practice or playbook, but within his players. Holtz demanded that his assistant coaches know their players better than he did. And it was a challenge because Holtz seemed to know everything about every player on the roster, from their personal lives to their weekly academic status.

Strong gives each of his players a biography form to fill out. It asks personal questions, such as naming three people they would like to have dinner with, the last time they cried, and the happiest days of their lives.

That's particularly important when inheriting a roster of players he didn't recruit and only first



AP Photo

First-year Texas coach Charlie Strong is confident that his 30 years of coaching experience have prepared him to tackle his latest challenge — returning Texas to the top of the Big 12.

met a few months ago.

"We want to understand our players," Strong said. "I don't ever want our coaches to ask a player 'How's your mom?' when really he lost her when he was 2 years old."

The players also have to understand him. And play by his rules.

He had laid down core values of "no drugs, no guns, no stealing,

be honest and treat women with respect" in his first meeting with the team back in January. Then he created a stir with a series of dismissals or suspensions at the start of training camp.

Wide receivers Kendall Sanders and Montrel Meander were kicked off after felony sexual assault charges and Strong says they won't be allowed back even

if the charges are later dropped or they are acquitted. Three other players were dismissed and three more potential starters were suspended for at least one game for unspecified rules violations.

"If you want to be a part of this team, you are going to have to follow the rules, you are going to have to be committed and do things right. If you don't want to do that, you can't be a part of this team," quarterback David Ash said.

"I say it all of the time, if a young man doesn't want to be a part of this program, just break a core value and you are telling me exactly where you want to stand," Strong said.

There have been other minor adjustments for his team.

Strong removed the iconic Longhorn logo stickers from player helmets in training camp, telling them they had to earn them back. He eliminated the half-mile air-conditioned bus ride from the locker room to the practice field. Players now walk to practice in their pads. In the heat.

Strong has been up front with fans about the team's prospects, and practices the honesty he preaches. Back in April on the first stop of his statewide "Comin' on Strong" tour to meet Texas fans, he warned them the Longhorns "will not be in the national championship game."

Will they ever be? Those piles of notes may have the answer.

## NFL



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

New England quarterback Tom Brady prepares to throw a pass against Philadelphia during the first quarter of Friday's preseason game in Foxborough, Mass. Brady was 8-for-10 passing for 81 yards and a touchdown in the Patriots' 42-35 victory.

## Preseason roundup

# Brady makes appearance

## QB throws touchdown pass to lead Patriots past Eagles

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady threw a touchdown pass after sitting out the first preseason game and the New England Patriots capitalized on four turnovers to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 42-35 on Friday night.

Brady's backups also were sharp in their competition for the No. 2 quarterback job. Rookie Jimmy Garoppolo threw two touchdown passes, and Ryan Mallett passed and ran for scores.

Brady's scoring pass came after he threw an interception that Cory Williams returned 77 yards for a touchdown. Williams hurt his hamstring on the play and didn't return.

The Patriots (1-1) tied it on their next possession on Brady's 15-yard pass to Kenbrell Thompkins. Brady was 8-for-10 for 81 yards in two series. Garoppolo threw scoring passes on his first two series, a 15-yarder to James Devlin and a 4-yarder to Brandon LaFell for a 21-7 lead.

The Eagles (0-2) tied it at 21 with two scoring passes in the last four minutes of the half, a 6-yarder from Nick Foles to Zach Ertz and a 6-yarder from Mark Sanchez to Arrelious Benn.

It was 28-28 before touchdowns by two free agents, a 17-yard catch by Brian Tynms from Mallett and a 10-yard run by Roy

Finch gave the Patriots a 42-28 lead in the third quarter.

**Saints 31, Titans 24:** Jimmy Graham caught two touchdown passes, celebrating both with banned celebratory dunks over the goal post, in host New Orleans' victory over Tennessee.

With star quarterback Drew Brees resting his sore abdomen, Luke McCown started for New Orleans (2-0) and threw both of scoring passes to Graham. However, Graham's celebrations drew penalty flags, and coach Sean Payton appeared annoyed after the second one, barking in Graham's direction on the sideline.

Ryan Griffin also had two TD passes over New Orleans.

Titans starter Jake Locker was 8-for-17 for 75 yards and a touchdown to Justin Hunter. Former LSU quarterback Zach Mettenberger passed for his first two TDs as a pro, but was thrown an interception as the Titans (1-1) turned the ball over five times.

**Raiders 27, Lions 26:** Matthew Stafford threw touchdown passes on his first two drives for the visitors before Matt McGloin threw a 19-yard TD pass to Brice Butler with 6 seconds to go to give host Oakland a victory over Detroit.

McGloin came in after backup Derek Carr left with injured ribs earlier in the

fourth quarter and led the game-winning 68-yard drive. The victory for Oakland (1-1) wasn't complete until Sebastian Janikowski kicked the 33-yard extra point.

That couldn't overshadow a sharp performance from Stafford, who connected on a 28-yard pass to Golden Tate on the second play from scrimmage for Detroit (1-1) and a 4-yard score to Kris Durham on the second drive.

**Seahawks 41, Chargers 14:** Russell Wilson threw for 121 yards and ran for two touchdowns, leading host Seattle to scores on all four of his possessions in its preseason win over San Diego.

Wilson did a little of everything. He was pressured on the first snap of the game and avoided it to complete a pass. He scrambled when the pressure created clear running lanes. He threw sharp passes to open receivers and he operated Seattle's offense with an efficiency missing in its preseason opener at Denver.

Wilson completed 11 of 13 passes, and connected on his first eight attempts in Seattle's first appearance at home since winning the Super Bowl. He ran for another 31 yards as Seattle (1-1) finished the first half with 260 yards of offense.

San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers played just one series before handing off to Kellen Clemens.

## Bears lose Miller for season

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chicago Bears tight end Zach Miller has been placed on season-ending injured reserve because of the foot injury he suffered in Thursday's 20-19 preseason victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Miller, a former tight end for Jacksonville, was trying to make the team, most likely as a backup behind starter Martellus Bennett and backup Dante Rosario.

"He had an excellent camp," coach Marc Trestman said. "Things transitioned from the practice field to the games over the last couple weeks. That was clear, and we were certainly excited about what we saw."

Miller, obtained off waivers by the Bears, had six catches for 68 yards and two touchdowns in the first preseason game.

The Bears didn't reveal the severity of the injury. Miller's injury depletes the Bears at tight end. They were also without Rosario on Thursday due to a calf injury.

## Jaguars' Pasztor breaks hand

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are shuffling their offensive line — and not for performance reasons.

Right tackle Austin Pasztor broke his hand in Thursday night's preseason loss at Chicago and will be sidelined at least a month.

"Right now, I think we'll re-evaluate in about a month so we'd see where he's at," coach Gus Bradley said. "He's not out for the season."

Cam Bradford will start in Pasztor's place next week when the Jaguars play at Detroit and likely will be in the lineup opening day at Philadelphia. Bradford started 11 games at left tackle last season and 12 games at right tackle in 2012.

## Jets' Saunders in hospital

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — New York Jets rookie wide receiver Jalen Saunders was involved in a single-car accident early Friday and hospitalized.

The team announced Saunders, a fourth-round pick, was on his way to the Jets' practice facility at the time of the accident. There was no immediate word on Saunders' condition, but the Jets said he wouldn't travel with the team for their preseason game at Cincinnati on Saturday night.

The team did not release additional details of the accident.

The speedy Saunders, the 104th pick overall out of Oklahoma, is expected to compete for a role as a backup receiver and punt returner. He returned two punts for 11 yards in the preseason opener against Indianapolis last week.

## Chiefs' Bowe suspended

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Dwayne Bowe was suspended for the season opener against Tennessee on Friday for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

Bowe was pulled over for speeding in a Kansas City suburb on Nov. 10, and was arrested after police found a black bag containing his wallet, driver's license and two containers of suspected marijuana. He later pleaded guilty to amended charges of defective equipment and littering, and his attorney said there was no admission of guilt for the marijuana charge, which was dismissed.

The one-game suspension is in line with punishments that have been handed down by the league in similar cases. Bowe will still be eligible to participate in preseason practices and games.

Bowe is second in franchise history with 472 receptions, and last season he became the fastest to surpass 6,000 yards receiving for his career.

— The Associated Press

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



PHOTOS BY ERIC GAY, ABOVE, AND RICARDO BRAZZIELL, BELOW/AP

A welcome sign is displayed on the scoreboard at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin, Texas, for new Longhorns football coach Charlie Strong, below.

# Right man for the job

## Strong prepared to lead Longhorns

By JIM VERTUNO  
The Associated Press

**C**harlie Strong has been prepping to lead the Texas Longhorns for 30 years. The evidence is tucked away in his office, stuffed into file cabinets one page, one lesson, one line at a time.

Inside the drawers are daily notes, quotes, practice reports, meeting agendas and conversations that span a career from his first job as a graduate assistant at Florida in 1983 to stops at Texas A&M, Mississippi, South Carolina, Notre Dame and back to Florida before his first head coaching job at Louisville.

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**‘His attention to detail was unmatched. He loves gathering information. He was either going to be a college professor or a coach.’**

**Gary Darnell**

18-year college head coach and defensive coordinator who coached with Strong at the University of Florida in 1988-89



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